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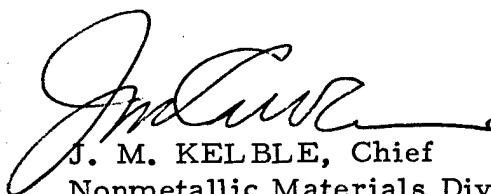
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## FOREWORD

This report contains the basic unedited Vu-graphs of the presentations at the Fourth Mechanics of Composites Review sponsored jointly by the Nonmetallic Materials Division of the Air Force Materials Laboratory and the DOD/NASA Composites Interdependency Panel on Damage Tolerance and Durability. The presentations include an overview of each participating organizations program in mechanics of composite materials, followed by detailed presentations on specific programs. This is the first attempt to put together a detailed program covering activities throughout DOD and NASA. Programs not covered in detail in the present review are candidates for presentation at future mechanics of composites review. The presentations cover both in-house and contract programs under the sponsorship of the participating organizations.

Since this is a review of on-going programs, much of the information in this report has not been published as yet and is subject to changes, but timely dissemination of the rapidly expanding technology of advanced composites is deemed highly desirable. Works in the area of mechanics of composites have long been typified by disciplined approaches. It is hoped that such a high standard of rigor is reflected in the majority, if not all, of the presentations in this report.

Feedback and open critique of the presentations are welcome. Comments concerning the desirability of continuing the mechanics of composites review in conjunction with DOD/NASA Composites Interdependence Program are especially welcome. Special thanks are due to James M. Whitney of the Nonmetallic Materials Division for his effort in organizing this review. Again, suggestions and recommendations from all participants will be most important in the planning of future reviews.



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AGENDA  
MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES REVIEW  
OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 1-2, 1978

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:45 AM REGISTRATION

8:30 OPENING REMARKS: Dr. N. M. Tallan, Chief Scientist, Air Force Materials Laboratory

8:40 PURPOSE OF MEETING: R. M. Bader, Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory, Chairman, DOD/NASA Composites Interdependence Panel on Damage Tolerance and Durability

8:45 OVERVIEW - NASA PROGRAM: H. F. Hardrath, NASA Langley Research Center

9:00 COMPOSITES FOR ENGINE APPLICATION: C. C. Chamis, NASA Lewis Research Center

9:30 ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON COMPOSITES: B. Stein, NASA Langley Research Center

10:00 COFFEE BREAK

10:30 FATIGUE OF COMPOSITES: L. G. Roderick, NASA Langley Research Center

11:00 FATIGUE OF JOINTS AND DAMAGE TOLERANCE IN COMPOSITES: John R. Davidson, NASA Langley Research Center

11:30 ADVANCED COMPOSITE COMPRESSION STRUCTURES: J. H. Starnes, NASA Langley Research Center

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 PM OVERVIEW - AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAMS: Dr. Brian Quinn, Director of Aerospace Sciences, OSR

1:15 SPACE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON ADVANCED COMPOSITES: R. C. Tenneyson, University of Toronto

1:55 PM COMPOSITES FOR STRUCTURAL DESIGN: R. Schapery and H. Cherry, Texas A&M

2:35 COFFEE BREAK

3:05 COUPLED DIFFUSION IN COMPOSITES: G. C. Sih, Lehigh University

3:45 FAILURE PROCESSES IN ADVANCED COMPOSITE STRUCTURES: L. W. Rehfield, Georgia Institute of Technology

4:25 FRACTURE OF ADHESIVE JOINTS AND ADVANCED COMPOSITES: W. G. Knauss, California Institute of Technology

5:15 COCKTAIL PARTY: Bergamo Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 AM OVERVIEW - AIR FORCE MATERIALS LABORATORY PROGRAM: J. M. Whitney, Nonmetallic Materials Division, AFML

8:15 DEFECT/PROPERTY RELATIONSHIPS IN COMPOSITE LAMINATES: K. L. Reifsnider, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

9:00 CHARACTERIZATION OF FATIGUE DAMAGE CRACKS IN COMPOSITE LAMINATES: R. Y. Kim, University of Dayton Research Institute

9:30 TORSION TEST TO DETERMINE TRANSVERSE SHEAR MODULUS: N. J. Pagano and F. K. Huber, Air Force Materials Laboratory

10:00 COFFEE BREAK

10:30 EFFECT OF MOISTURE ON THE COMPRESSION STRENGTH OF LAMINATED EPOXY MATRIX COMPOSITES: K. N. Lauraitis, Lockheed California Company, Rye Canyon Research Laboratory

11:15 STATISTICAL FAILURE ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITES: P. C. Chou, Drexel University

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 PM OVERVIEW - AIR FORCE FLIGHT DYNAMICS LABORATORY  
PROGRAM: G. Sendeckyj, Structures Division, AFFDL

1:15 AFFDL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: G. Sendeckyj, Air Force  
Flight Dynamics Laboratory

1:45 DETERMINATION OF MOISTURE CONTENT IN COMPOSITES  
BY DIELECTRIC MEASUREMENTS: Ancil Kays, Lockheed-  
Georgia Company

2:15 FATIGUE SPECTRUM SENSITIVITY STUDY FOR ADVANCED  
COMPOSITE MATERIALS: L. L. Jeans, Northrop Corporation

2:50 COFFEE BREAK

3:20 ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY OF ADVANCED COMPOSITES:  
J. B. Whiteside, Grumman Aerospace Corp.

3:55 ADVANCED COMPOSITE SERVICEABILITY PROGRAM:  
Donald Konishi, Rockwell International Company

4:30 EFFECT OF SERVICE ENVIRONMENT ON THE F-15 BORON-  
EPOXY STABILATOR: Thomas V. Hinkle, McDonnell Aircraft  
Company

5:00 ADJOURN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM OVERVIEW - ARMY APPLIED TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY  
PROGRAM: A. J. Gustafson, Applied Technology Laboratory

8:15 INVESTIGATION OF ADVANCED CONCEPTS FOR COMPOSITE  
STRUCTURE JOINTS AND ATTACHMENT FITTINGS: W. F.  
Rahhal, Hughes Helicopter Corporation

9:00 INVESTIGATION OF THE IMPACT CHARACTERISTICS OF  
ADVANCED AIRFRAME STRUCTURES: J. Cronkhite, Bell  
Helicopter Company and R. Winter, Grumman Aerospace  
Corporation

9:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:15 OVERVIEW - NAVAL AIR DEVELOPMENT COMMAND PROGRAM:  
M. S. Rosenfeld, Naval Air Development Center

10:30 AM EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENT ON THE MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR  
OF AS 3501-6 GRAPHITE EPOXY MATERIALS: W. J. Renton  
and T. L. Ho, Vought Corporation

11:05 IMPROVED DAMAGE TOLERANCE OF THICK GRAPHITE  
EPOXY LAMINATES: N. M. Bhatia, Northrop Corporation

11:50 ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION OF SANDWICH CONSTRUC-  
TION: K. E. Hofer and G. Waring, IIT Research Institute

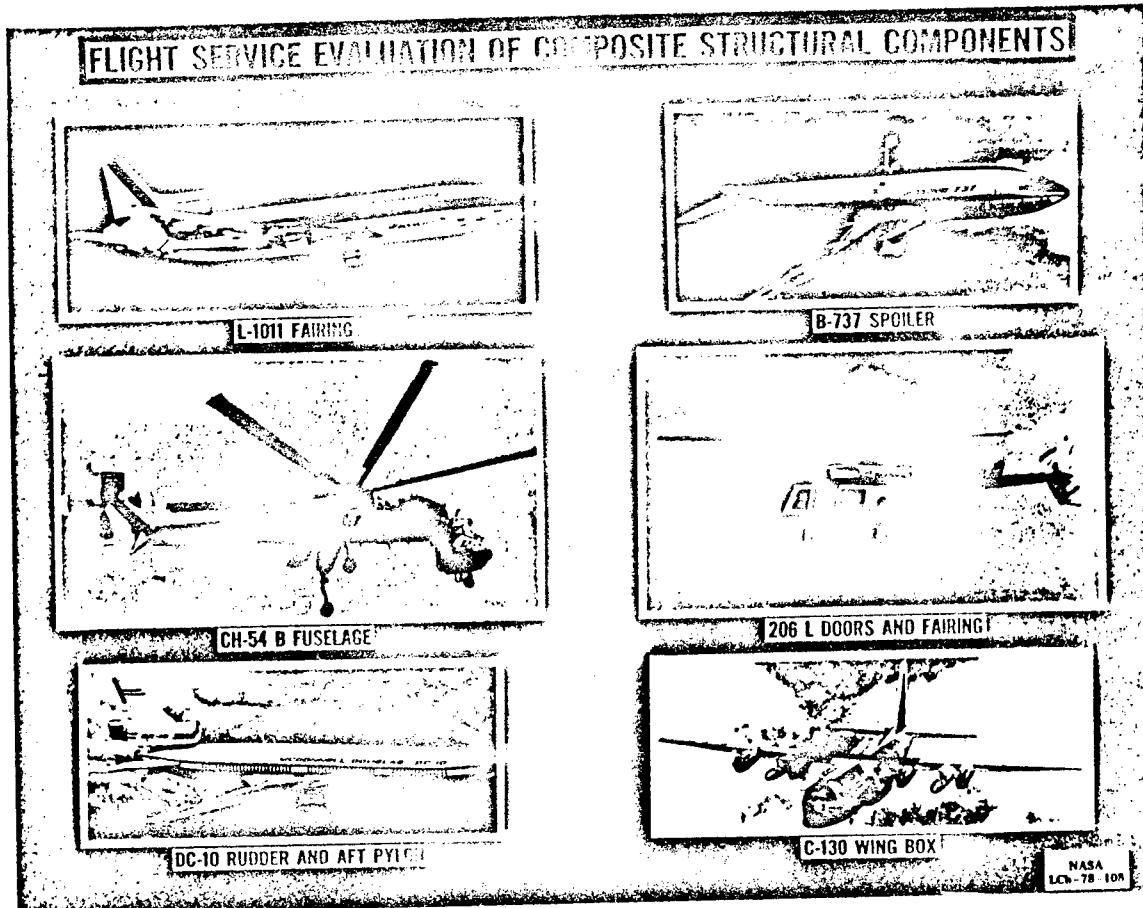
12:30 ADJOURN

NASA RESEARCH ON  
MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES  
AND RELATED SUBJECTS

Herbert F. Hardrath  
Materials Division  
Langley Research Center

OVERVIEW TOPICS

FLIGHT SERVICE  
AIRCRAFT ENERGY EFFICIENCY (ACEE)  
GRAPHITE FIBER ELECTRICAL HAZARD  
ALTERNATE MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT  
COMPOSITES FOR ADVANCED SPACE TRANSPORTATION  
SYSTEM (CASTS)

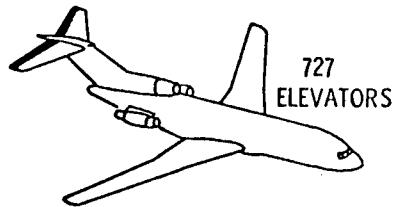
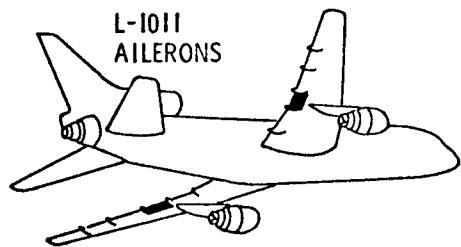
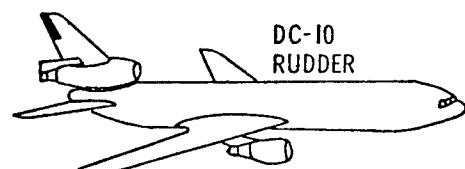


**COMPOSITE STRUCTURES FLIGHT SERVICE PROGRAM**  
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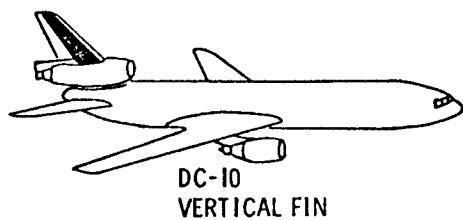
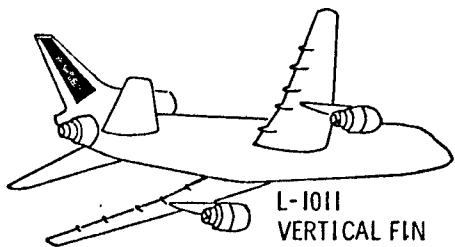
AIRCRAFT, COMPONENT	TOTAL COMPONENTS	START OF FLIGHT SERVICE	CUMULATIVE FLIGHT HOURS	
			HIGH TIME AIRCRAFT	TOTAL COMPONENT
CH-54B TAIL CONE	1	MARCH 1972	1,130	1,130
L-101 FAIRING PANELS	18	JANUARY 1973	14,951	221,130
737 SPOILER	108	JULY 1973	13,506	1,058,560
C-130 CENTER WING BOX	2	OCTOBER 1974	2,815	5,615
DC-10 AFT PYLON SKIN	3	AUGUST 1975	8,800	26,000
DC-10 UPPER AFT RUDDER	10	APRIL 1976	9,426	49,035
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>142</b>			<b>1,361,470</b>

# ACEE COMPOSITE COMPONENTS

## SECONDARY STRUCTURES



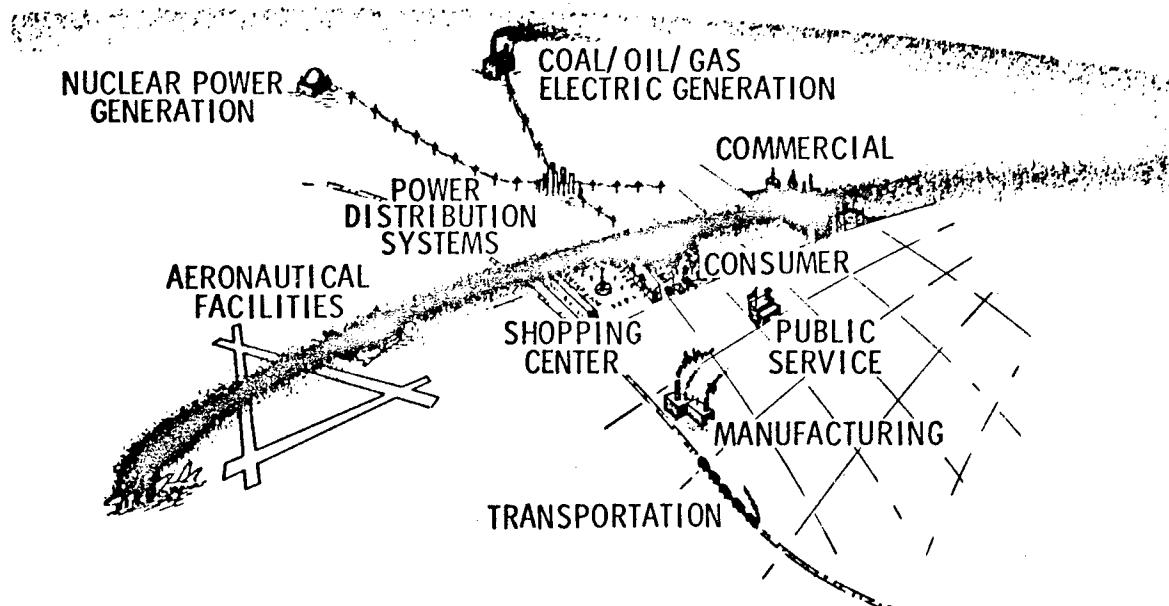
## PRIMARY STRUCTURES



## ACEE COMPOSITE COMPONENTS SUMMARY

COMPONENT	METAL DESIGN BASELINE WT. kg	COMPOSITE DESIGN ESTIMATED WT. kg	EXPECTED WT. SAVINGS %	NO. PER AIRCRAFT	QUANTITY TO BE BUILT
727 ELEVATOR	128.3	92.7	28	2	11 (1 G.T.)
DC-10 RUDDER	41.3	27.7	33	1	11 (1 G.T.)
L-1011 AILERON	63.5	47.5	25	2	22 (2 G.T.)
737 HOR. STAB.	118.2	86.2	27	2	11 (1 G.T.)
DC-10 VERT. TAIL	423.4	337.6	20	1	8 (2 G.T.)
L-1011 VERT. TAIL	389.0	292.8	25	1	3 (2 G.T.)

## RISK ANALYSIS SCENARIOS



### STATUS OF RISK ANALYSIS PROGRAM

#### Release of Fibers

- Dependent upon agitation of residue
- Less than 1-2% released as single fibers
- Most single fibers are very short (less than 3 mm)

#### Dissemination

- Footprints of fibers may be greater than first expected
- Higher plume heights give longer, broader footprints; but lower fiber concentrations

#### Vulnerability

- Greatest risk to low voltage (5-6 volts) electronics
- Many 110 volt motors and appliances are invulnerable
- High voltage (over 440 volts) effects not established

#### Protection

- Conformal coatings, filters offer some protection

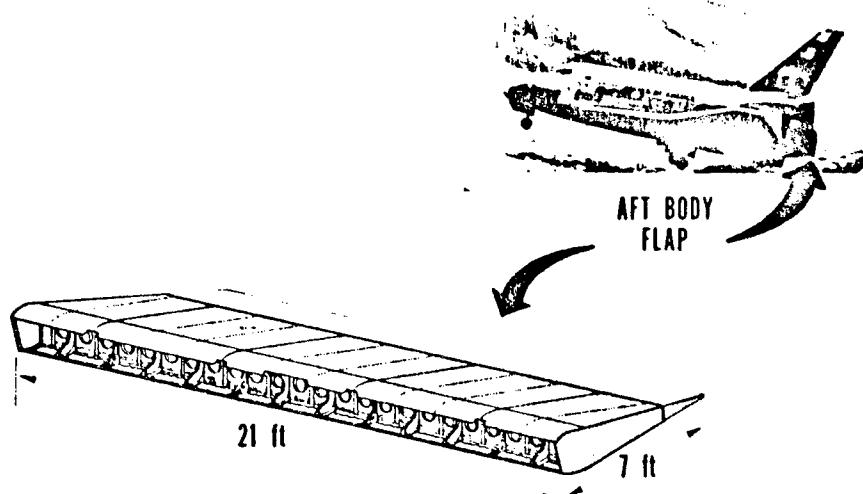
## ALTERNATE MATERIALS THAT PROVIDE LESS ELECTRICAL RISK

GOALS: 1. PROVIDE FIBERS HAVING HIGH RESISTIVITY  
RETAIN OR IMPROVE STRENGTH  
2. INHIBIT GRAPHITE RELEASE IN FIRES

### STATUS:

FIBER MODIFICATION	FIBER TYPE	R/R <sub>0</sub>	EFFECT ON STRENGTH
INTERCOLATE GR WITH O <sub>2</sub>	TYPE P FIBERS GY-70 T300 HMS	10,000 2,000 100 10	NOT MEASURED
SPECIAL PROCESS TO ALTER GR STRUCTURE	PITCH GRADES	50,000	NONE
OXIDIZED Si C COATED FIBERS	HTS	1,000,000	NOT MEASURED
<u>HYBRIDIZED COMPOSITES</u>			
GLASS OUTER LAYERS BORON OUTER LAYERS KEVLAR OUTER LAYERS	}		GREATLY REDUCE QUANTITY OF FIBER RELEASED NO EFFECT, KEVLAR BURNS

## COMPOSITE AFT BODY FLAP FOR SPACE SHUTTLE



MATERIAL	STRUCTURAL WEIGHT, lb	TPS WEIGHT, lb	TOTAL WEIGHT, lb
ALUMINUM	450	872	1322
Gr/Pi	356	615	971
Δ WEIGHT	94	257	351

MATERIALS EVALUATED FOR ELEVATED TEMPERATURE SERVICE

MATRIX

NR150B2	PMR-15-II	NR150A/B-	PPQ-
PMR-15	HR600-	P13N-	*5230-
LARC-160	F170-	S703-	
THERMID 600	K601-	S710-	

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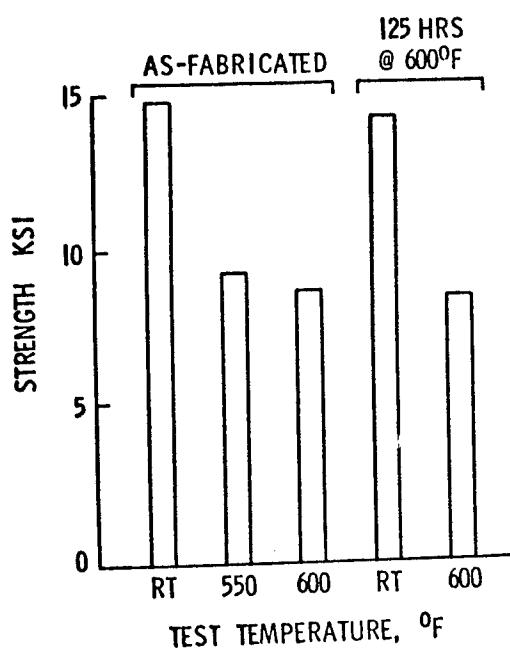
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FIBER

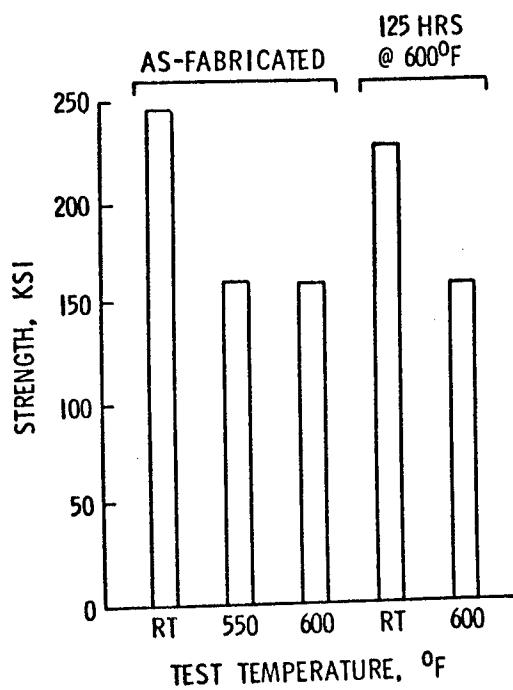
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 AS4

INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT ON CELION 6000/PMR-15 STRENGTH

0° SHORT BEAM SHEAR

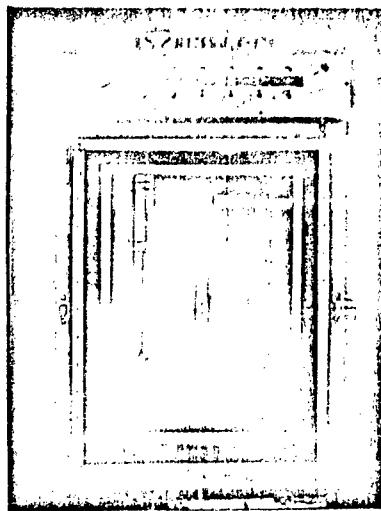


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# GRAPHITE/POLYIMIDE DESIGN ALLOWABLES FOR CASTS

## TEST APPARATUS



### SPECIMEN TYPES

- TENSION
- COMPRESSION
- SHEAR
- SCARF JOINTS
- BOLTED JOINTS
- FRACTURE
- FATIGUE
- DEBOND PROPAGATION

### DATA OUTPUT

- STRESS-STRAIN CURVES
- FAILURE STRENGTHS
- MODULI
- POISSON'S RATIO
- FRACTURE TOUGHNESS
- FATIGUE STRENGTH
- FATIGUE LIFE
- DEBOND RATES

### ENVIRONMENTS

- -250°F, RT, AND 600°F
- MOISTURE CONDITIONING
- THERMAL CYCLING

### LAMINATE CONFIGURATIONS

0°, 90°, ±45°, AND [0°, 145°, 90°]

## SUBSEQUENT SPEAKERS

CHRIS CHAMIS - MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES DIVISION, LEWIS  
"COMPOSITES FOR ENGINE APPLICATIONS"

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"ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON COMPOSITES"

G. LARRY RODERICK - MATERIALS DIVISION, Langley  
"FATIGUE OF COMPOSITES"

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"FATIGUE OF JOINTS AND DAMAGE TOLERANCE IN COMPOSITES"

JAMES H. STARNES - STRUCTURES AND DYNAMICS DIVISION, Langley  
"ADVANCED COMPOSITE COMPRESSION STRUCTURES"

## ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON COMPOSITES

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### USE OF WEATHER DATA TO PREDICT MOISTURE CONTENT IN RESIN MATRIX COMPOSITES

OBJECTIVE: TO PREDICT THE MOISTURE CONTENT IN FLIGHT SERVICE ENVIRONMENT

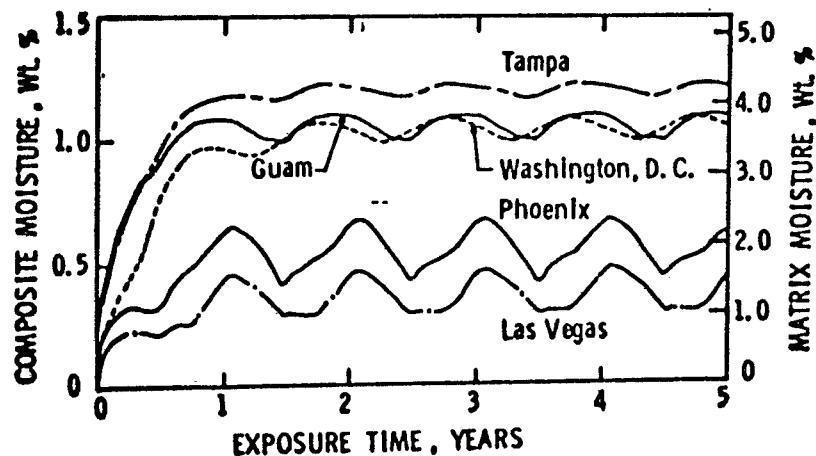
APPROACH:

- o SOLVE THE DIFFUSION EQUATION BY FINITE DIFFERENCE TECHNIQUE
  - o EFFECTIVE DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT OBTAINED FROM STATIC ABSORPTION/DESORPTION COUPON TESTS
  - o SURFACE CONCENTRATION ASSUMED PROPORTIONAL TO RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF ENVIRONMENT
- o WEATHER DATA DEFINES GROUND EXPOSURE CONDITIONS
- o USE AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION DATA TO DEFINE TYPICAL FLIGHT SCENARIOS FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT
- o USE SOLAR RADIATION DATA TO ESTIMATE EFFECTIVE TEMPERATURE

### LARC ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON COMPOSITES RESEARCH

- o TYPICAL RESEARCH RATIONALE
- o PREDICTION OF MOISTURE ABSORPTION
  - o USE OF WEATHER DATA
  - o SOLAR HEATING EFFECTS
  - o SENSITIVITY TO DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS
  - o COMPARISON WITH WORLDWIDE GROUND EXPOSURE DATA
- o ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE EFFECTS FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT SERVICE
- o TIME-TEMPERATURE-STRESS TESTS OF COMPOSITES FOR SUPERSONIC CRUISE
- o ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE EFFECTS FOR SPACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
- o DURABILITY OF COMPOSITES IN SPACE

CALCULATED MOISTURE CONTENT FOR DIFFERENT GROUND STATIONS  
T300/5208 24-Ply Laminate



ANALYTICAL RESULTS

- o REPORTED CHANGES IN  $D$  DUE TO CYCLIC WETTING AND DRYING RESULTS IN:
  - o NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN AVERAGE MOISTURE CONTENT
  - o SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN ABSORPTION - DESORPTION ZONE DEPTH
- o AVERAGE MOISTURE CONTENT INVERSELY RELATED TO SOLAR ABSORPTANCE
- o AVERAGE MOISTURE CONTENT DIRECTLY RELATED TO HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT
- o VERTICAL PANEL ABSORBS ABOUT 15% MORE MOISTURE THAN A HORIZONTAL PANEL
- o AVERAGE MOISTURE CONTENT IS ABOUT THE SAME FOR ALL NON-DESERT LOCATIONS
- o SOLAR EXPOSURE DECREASES AVERAGE MOISTURE CONTENT BY ABOUT 25% REGARDLESS OF LOCATION

**ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE OF  
COMPOSITE MATERIALS USED IN FLIGHT SERVICE PROGRAMS**

B-737 SPOILERS-UNLOADED

**RACK LOCATIONS**

San Francisco  
San Diego  
Honolulu

Langley Field

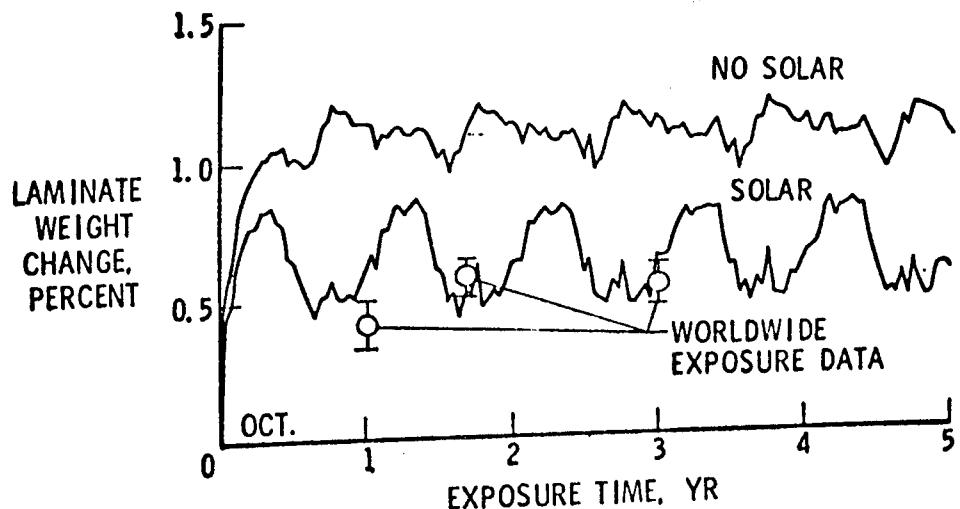
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DC-10 RUDDER-LOADED

Wellington

**COMPARISON OF  
PREDICTED AND MEASURED MOISTURE CONTENTS**

**T300-5208, 12-PLY LAMINATE  
GROUND EXPOSURE**



## SUMMARY

- o THE ABSORPTION/DESORPTION BEHAVIOR OF RESIN MATRIX COMPOSITES CAN BE ADEQUATELY DESCRIBED BY DIFFUSION THEORY
- o MOISTURE CONTENT CAN BE PREDICTED FROM MONTHLY OR YEARLY AVERAGED WEATHER DATA
- o T300/5208 COMPOSITE REACHES AN EQUILIBRIUM MOISTURE LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 1 WT.% WHEN EXPOSED AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AROUND THE U. S.
- o FLIGHT SERVICE RETARDS MOISTURE PICK-UP AND MAY LOWER THE EQUILIBRIUM MOISTURE CONTENT BY 10 TO 20%
- o SOLAR HEATING MAY LOWER THE EQUILIBRIUM MOISTURE CONTENT BY AS MUCH AS 25%

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE EFFECTS ON COMPOSITES  
FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT - CONTRACT NAS1-15148  
BOEING COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE COMPANY

## OBJECTIVES

- o DEFINE EFFECTS OF LONG-TERM EXPOSURE TO MOISTURE ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS
- o ESTABLISH METHODS FOR ACCELERATED ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING
- o DEVELOP MATH MODEL TO PREDICT LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE OF COMPOSITES

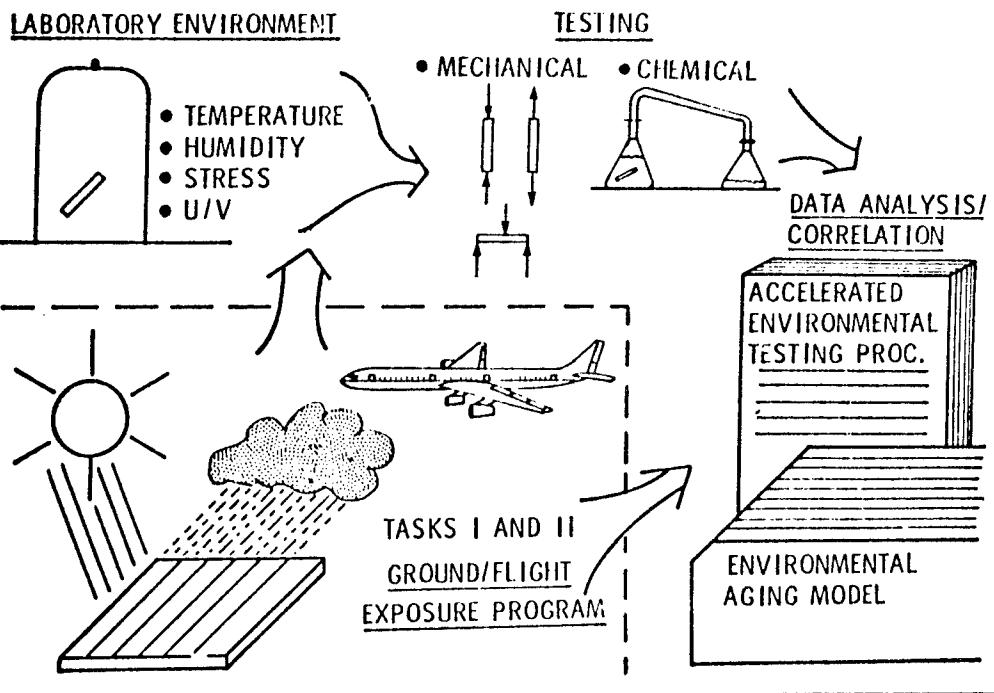
## MATERIALS

NARMCO-T300/5208, FIBERITE-T300/1034, NARMCO-T300/5209

## TASKS

- I. FLIGHT EXPOSURE: 3 AIRLINES - INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR SPECS - 10 YEARS
- II. GROUND EXPOSURE: 4 SITES - LOADED AND UNLOADED SPECS - 10 YEARS
- III. ACCELERATED ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND DATA CORRELATION: LAB EXPOSURE - CORRELATE RESULTS - IDENTIFY ACCELERATED TESTING PROCEDURES - DEVELOP MATH MODEL

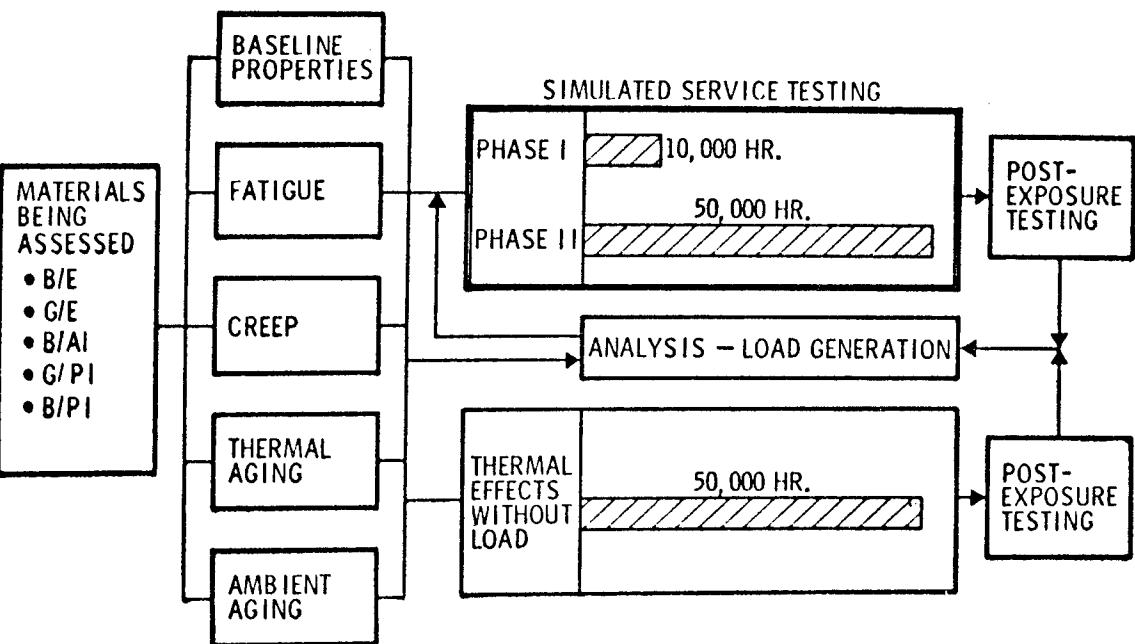
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### TIME-TEMPERATURE-STRESS CAPABILITIES OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS

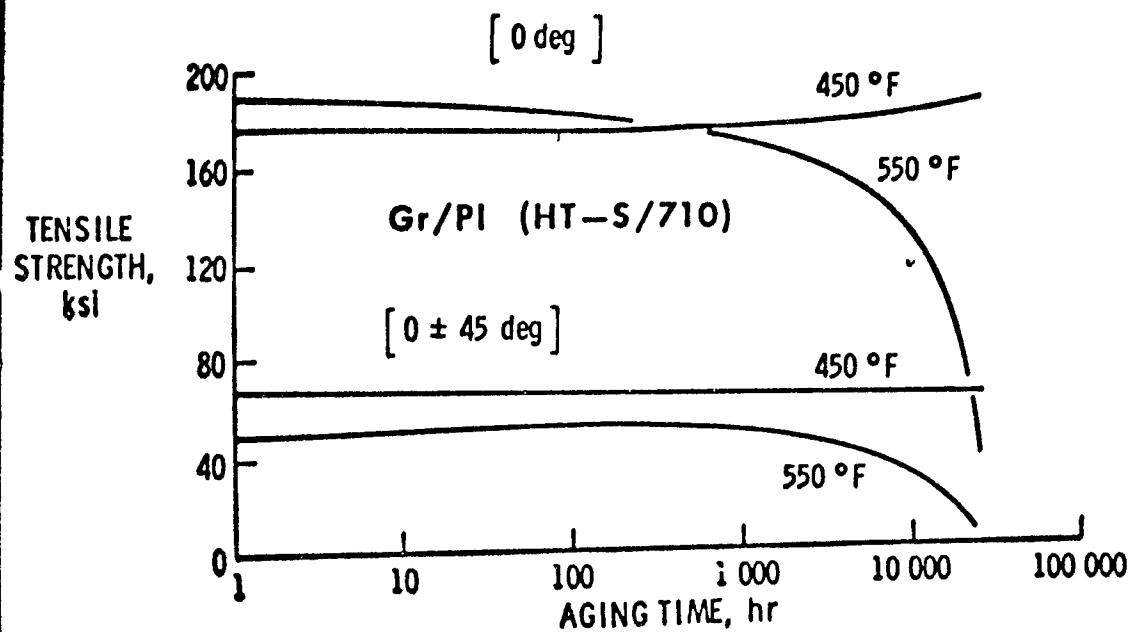
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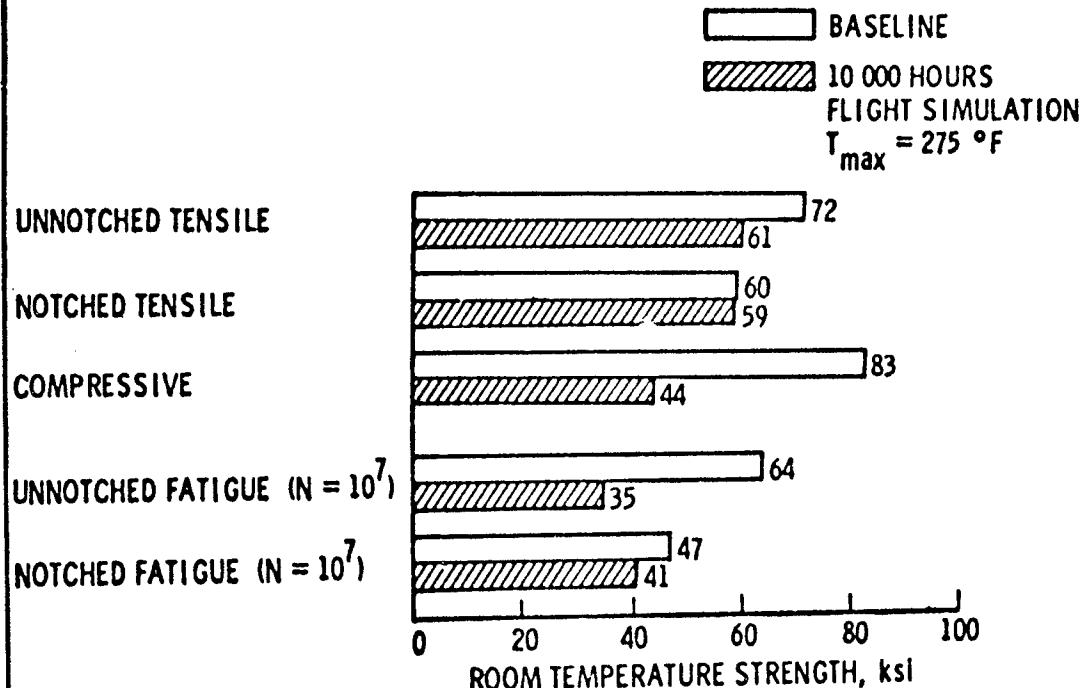


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TENSILE STRENGTH AT TEMPERATURE  
AFTER AGING AT SAME TEMPERATURE



RESIDUAL PROPERTIES AFTER 10 000 HOURS FLIGHT  
SIMULATION TESTING  
GRAPHITE/EPOXY (A-S/3501, 0° ± 45°)



TIME - TEMPERATURE - STRESS CAPABILITIES OF COMPOSITES  
FOR SUPERSONIC CRUISE AIRCRAFT

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS

GRAPHITE/EPOXY (A-S/3501) AND BORON/EPOXY (5505) LIMITED TO <394K (250°F)  
FOR EXPOSURES >10,000 HOURS BECAUSE OF

- o MOISTURE EFFECTS ON ELEVATED TEMPERATURE STRENGTH  
(MATRIX DEGRADATION)
- o LOSS OF RESIDUAL TENSILE STRENGTH DURING THERMAL AGING  
(OXIDATION INDUCED MATRIX DEGRADATION)
- o EARLY FLIGHT SIMULATION TEST FAILURES  
(COMPRESSION LOAD/OXIDATION INDUCED MATRIX DEGRADATION)

TIME - TEMPERATURE - STRESS CAPABILITIES OF COMPOSITES  
FOR SUPERSONIC CRUISE AIRCRAFT

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS (CONTINUED)

BORON/ALUMINUM (B/6061) LIMITED TO 450K (350°F) FOR EXPOSURES >10,000 HOURS  
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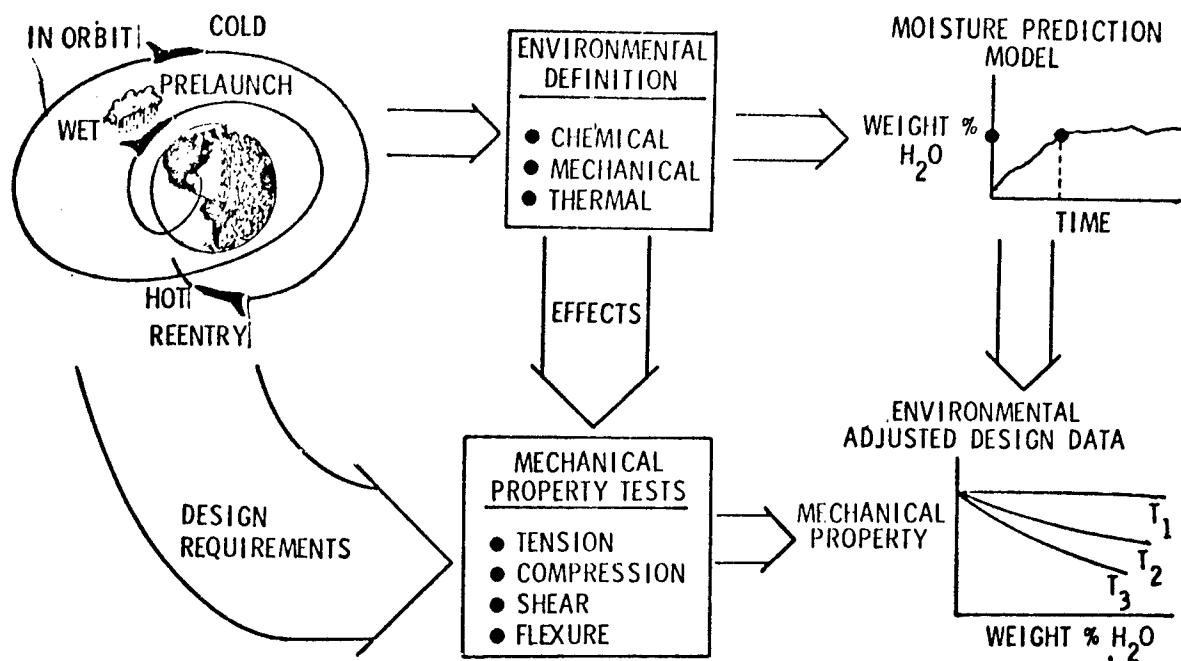
- o LOSS OF RESIDUAL TENSILE STRENGTH DURING THERMAL AGING  
(INTERFACE DIFFUSION INDUCED FIBER DEGRADATION)
- o HIGH TEMPERATURE FATIGUE EFFECTS  
(MATRIX SURFACE CRACKING/OXIDATION)

BORON/POLYIMIDE (B/P105A) NOT SUITABLE FOR THIS APPLICATION.  
(LACK OF THERMAL EXPOSURE STABILITY IN MATRIX FOR 1000 HOURS AT  
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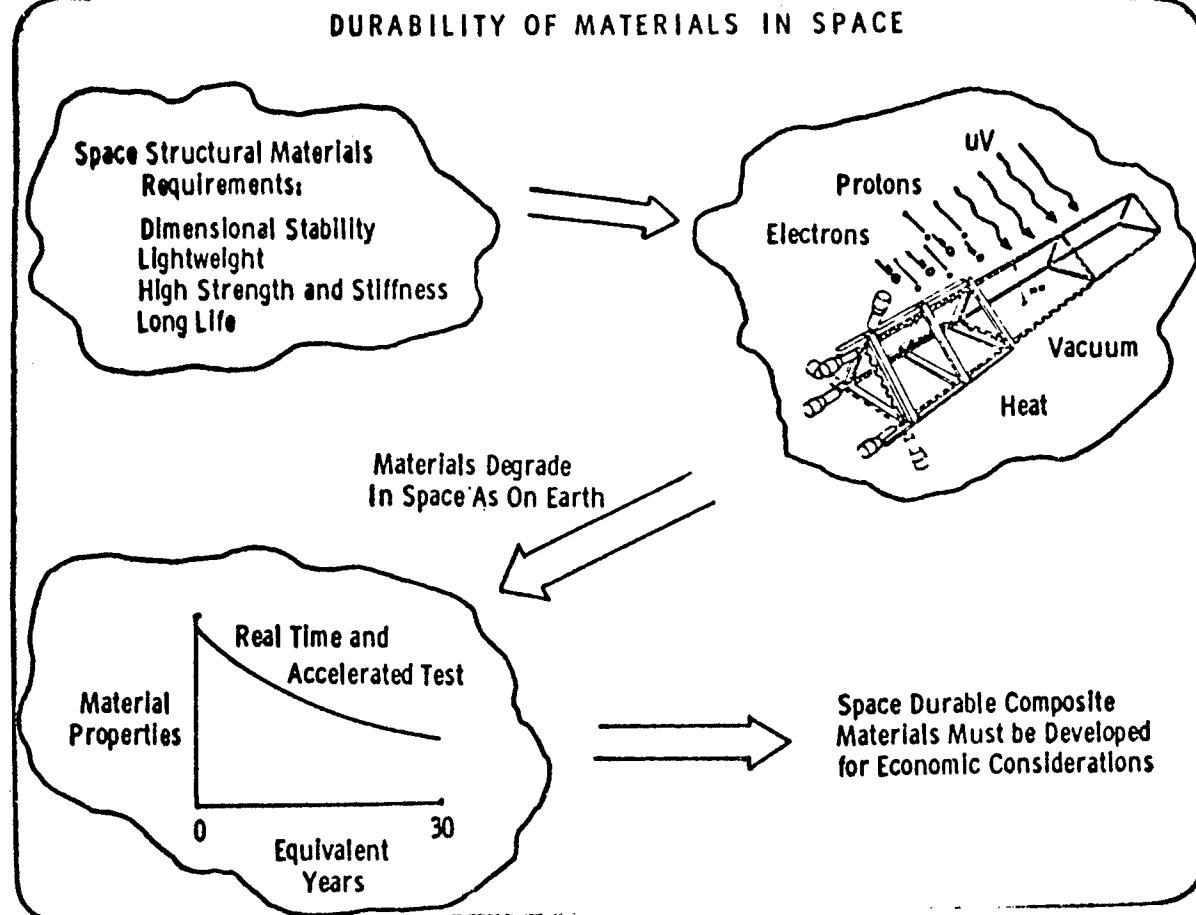
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## CASTS ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS PROGRAM



## DURABILITY OF MATERIALS IN SPACE



SUMMARY OF  
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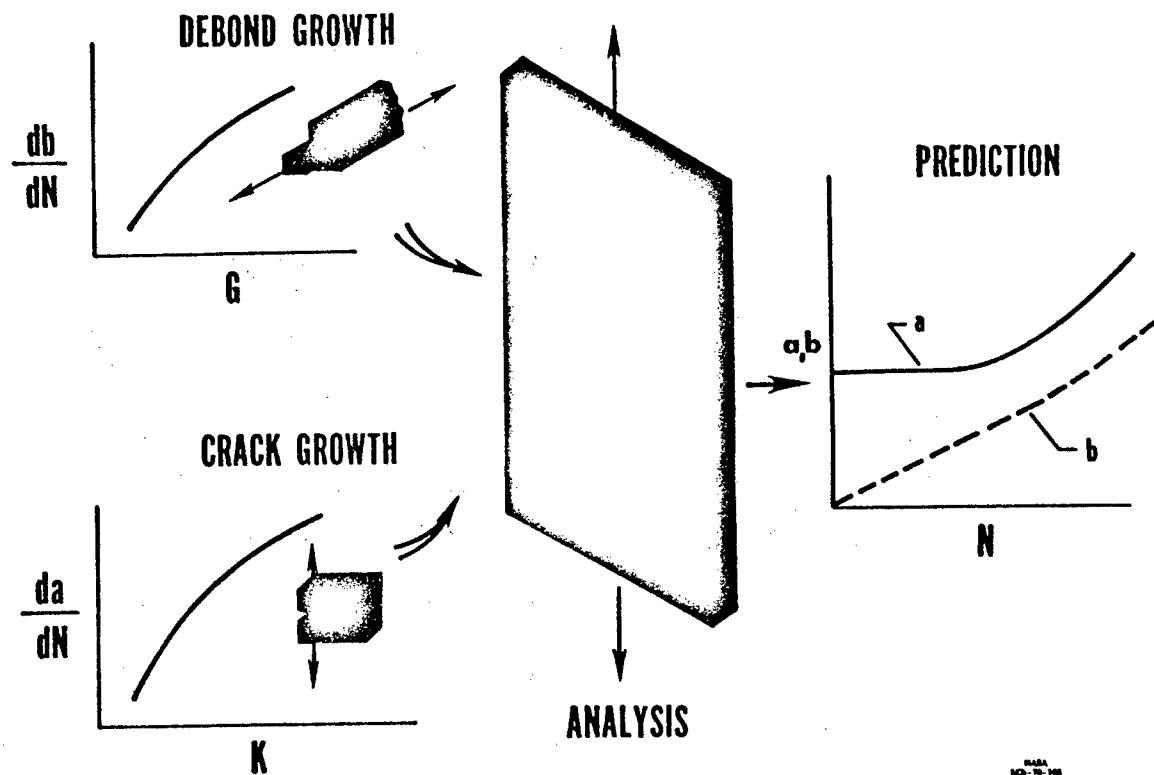
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  - o COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT SERVICE
  - o SUPERSONIC CRUISE APPLICATIONS
  - o ADVANCED SPACE TRANSPORTATION
  - o LARGE SPACE STRUCTURES
- o SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE
  - o PREDICTION OF MOISTURE ABSORPTION IN SERVICE
  - o MEASUREMENTS OF MOISTURE ABSORPTION IN U.S. AND OVERSEAS
  - o TIME-TEMPERATURE LIMITATIONS FOR COMPOSITES IN LONG TERM  
SUPERSONIC CRUISE SERVICE SUGGESTED

## FATIGUE OF COMPOSITES

- I. COMPOSITE-REINFORCED METALS
- II. LAMINATED COMPOSITES
  - A. ENVIRONMENT
  - B. COMPRESSION
  - C. ANALYSIS

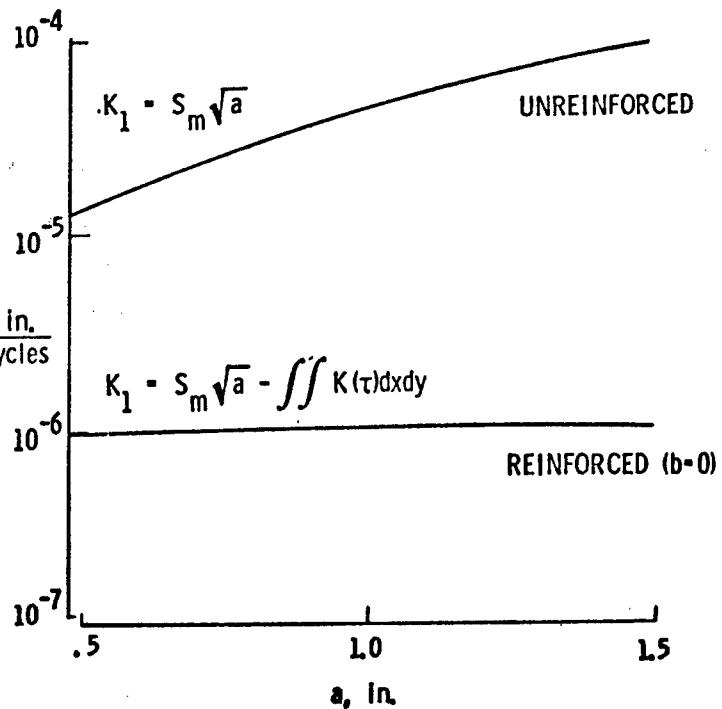
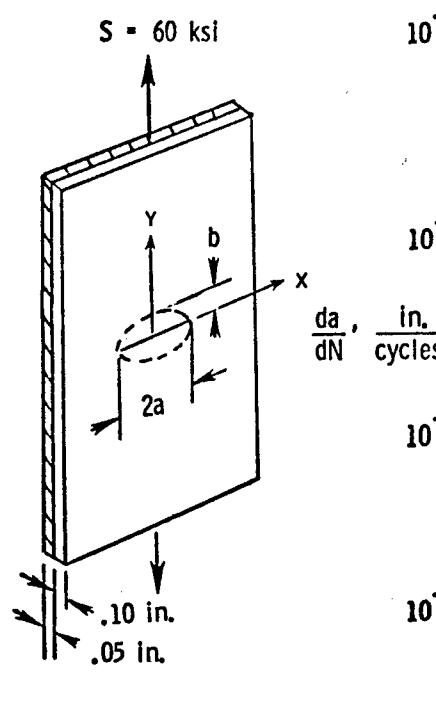
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### FATIGUE ANALYSIS OF REINFORCED METALS

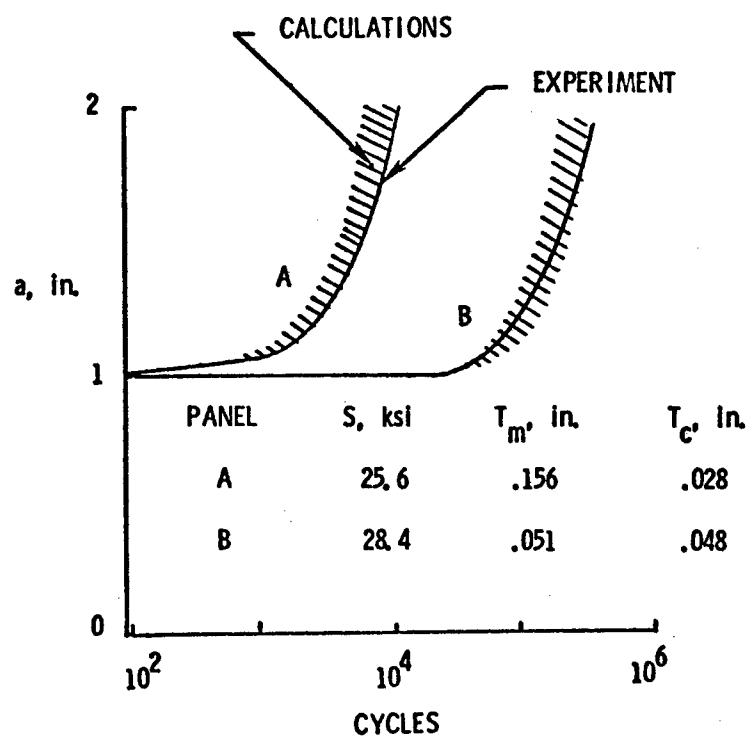
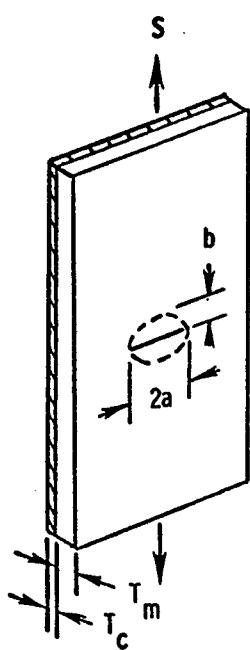


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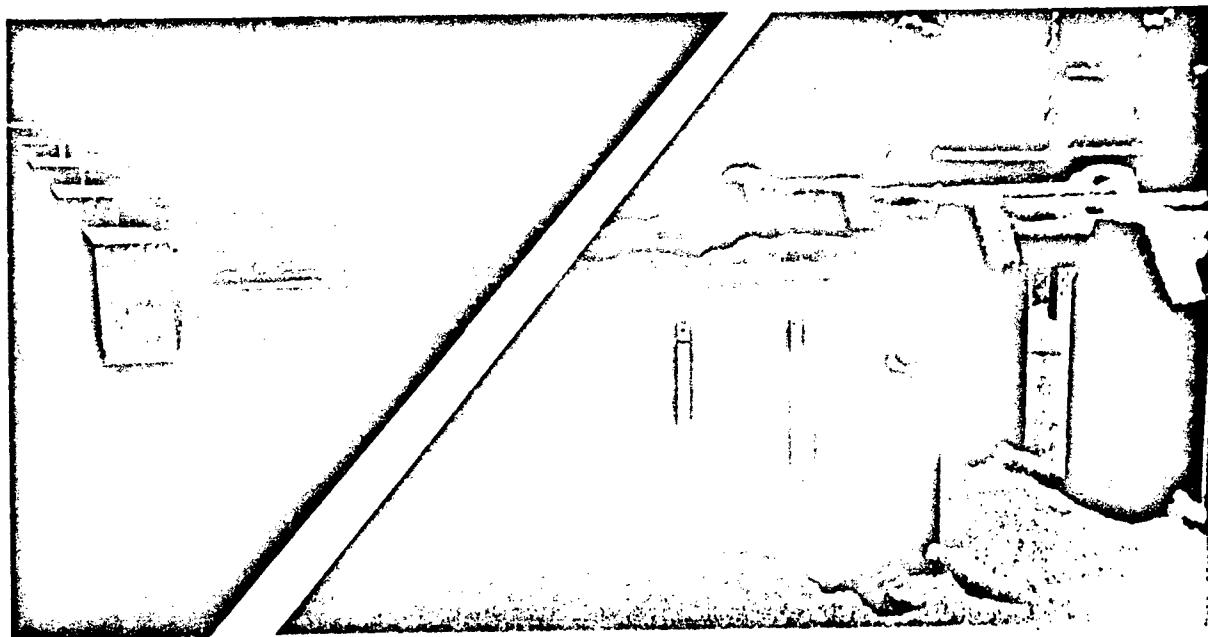
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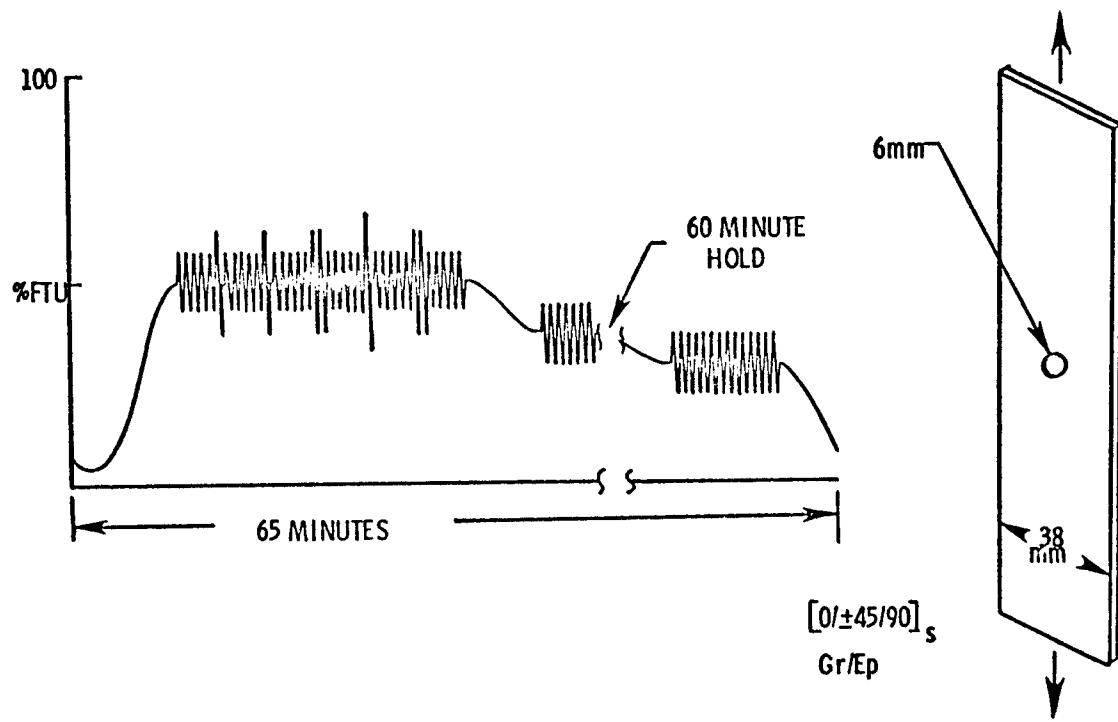
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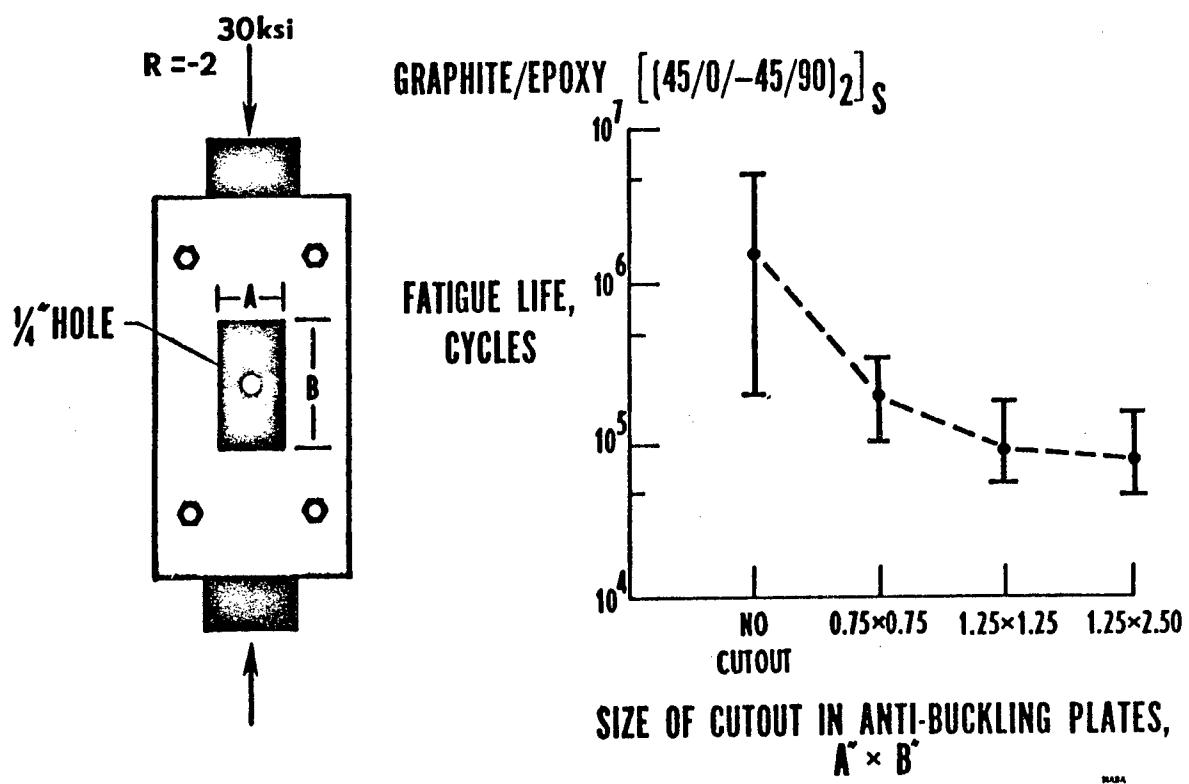
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OUTDOOR FATIGUE TEST  
FLIGHT SPECTRUM - SPECIMEN CONFIGURATION



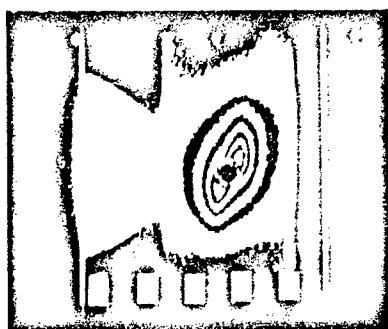
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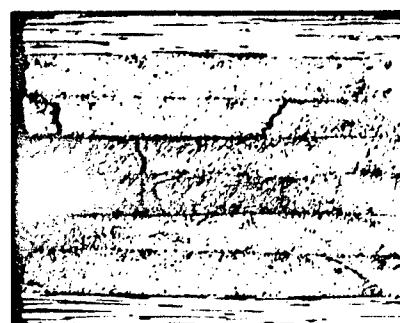
### DEVELOPMENT OF FATIGUE ANALYSES

- I. IDENTIFY FATIGUE FAILURE PROCESSES
- II. STUDY ELEMENTS OF THE FAILURE PROCESSES
- III. DEVELOP ANALYSES

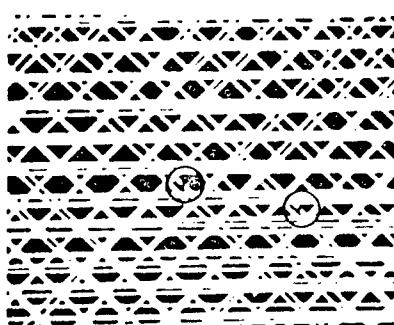
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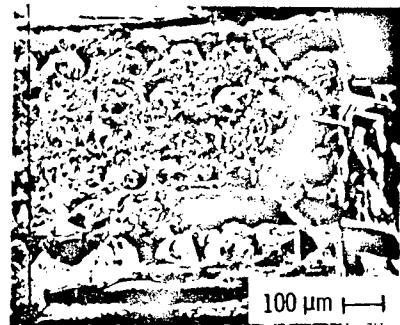
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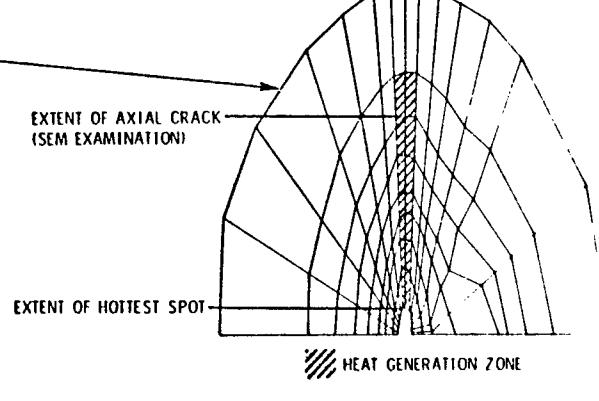


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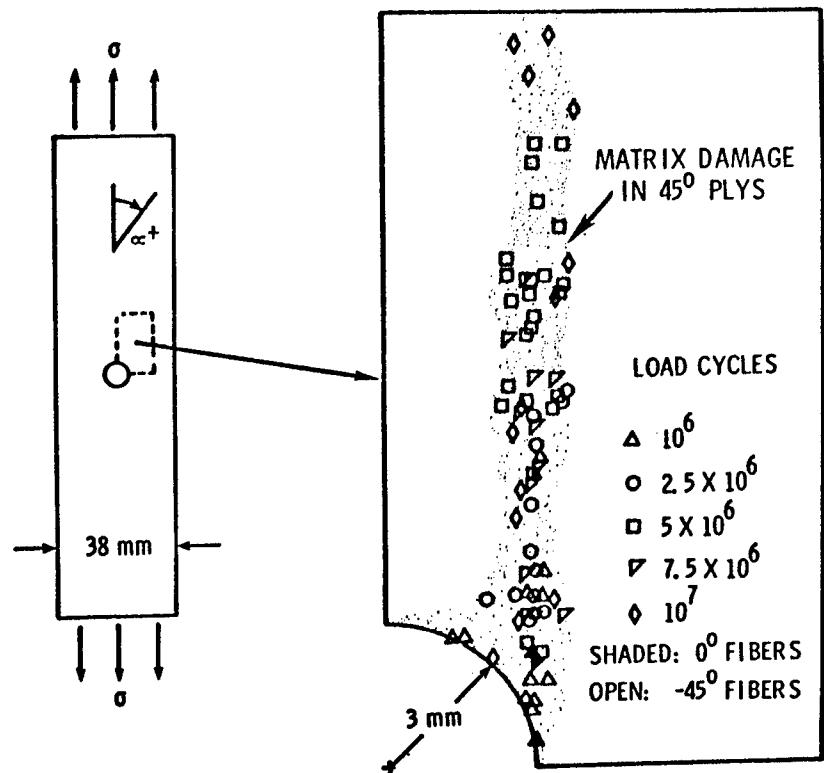
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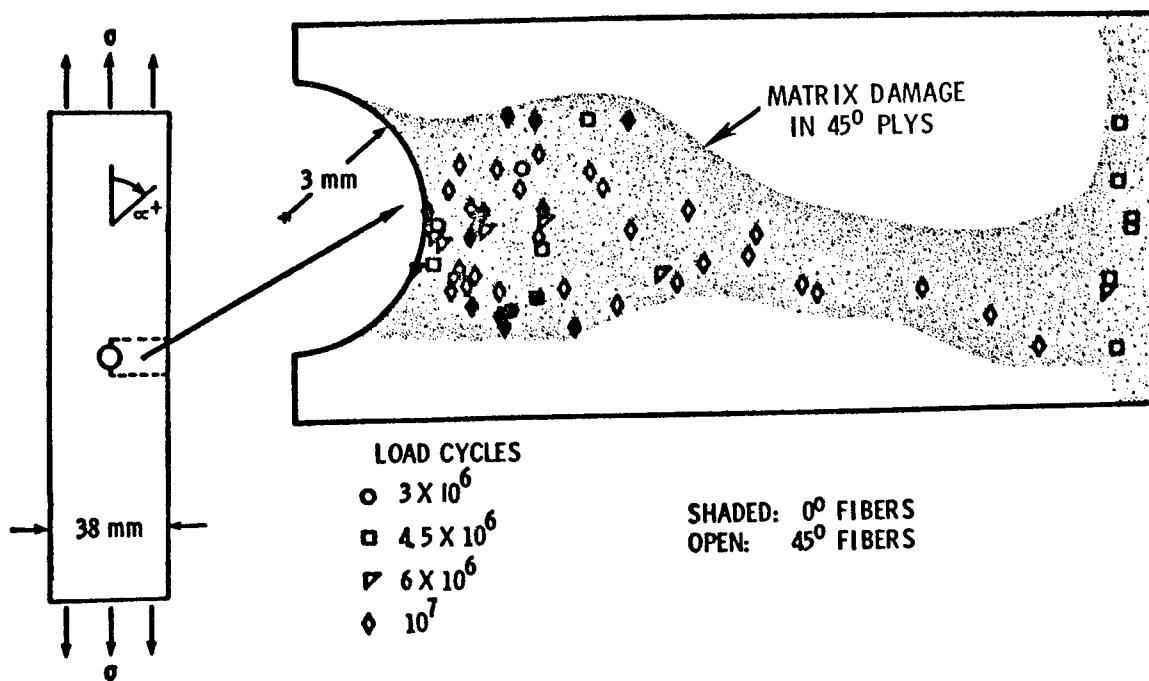
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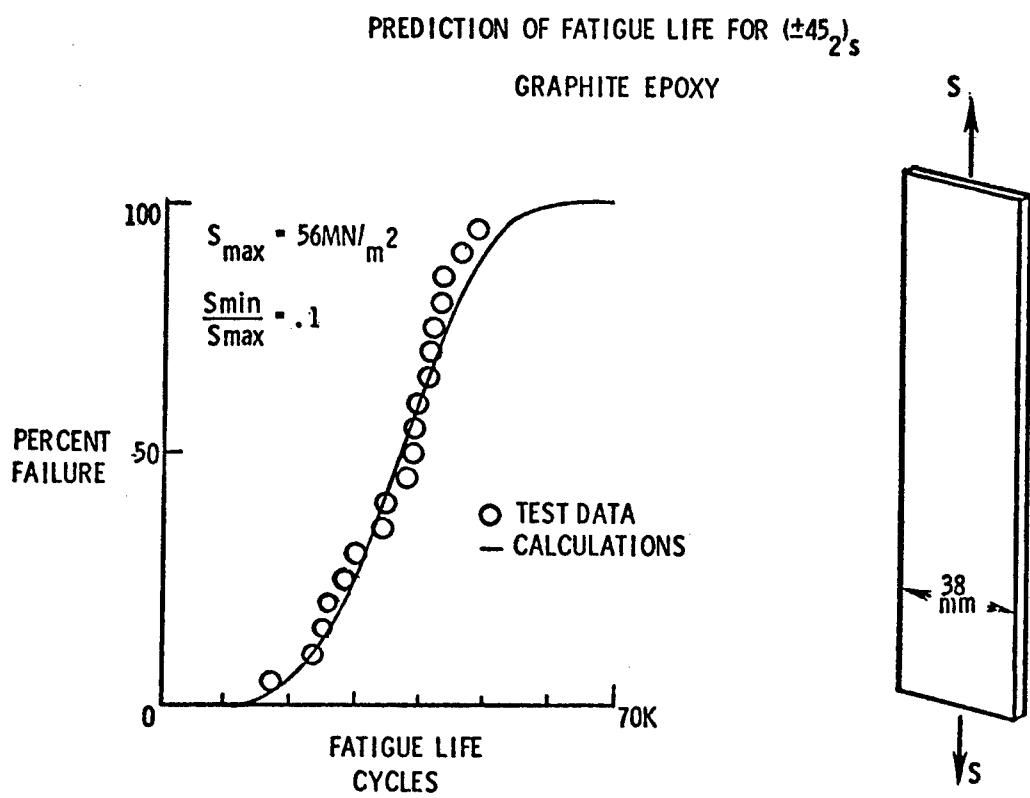
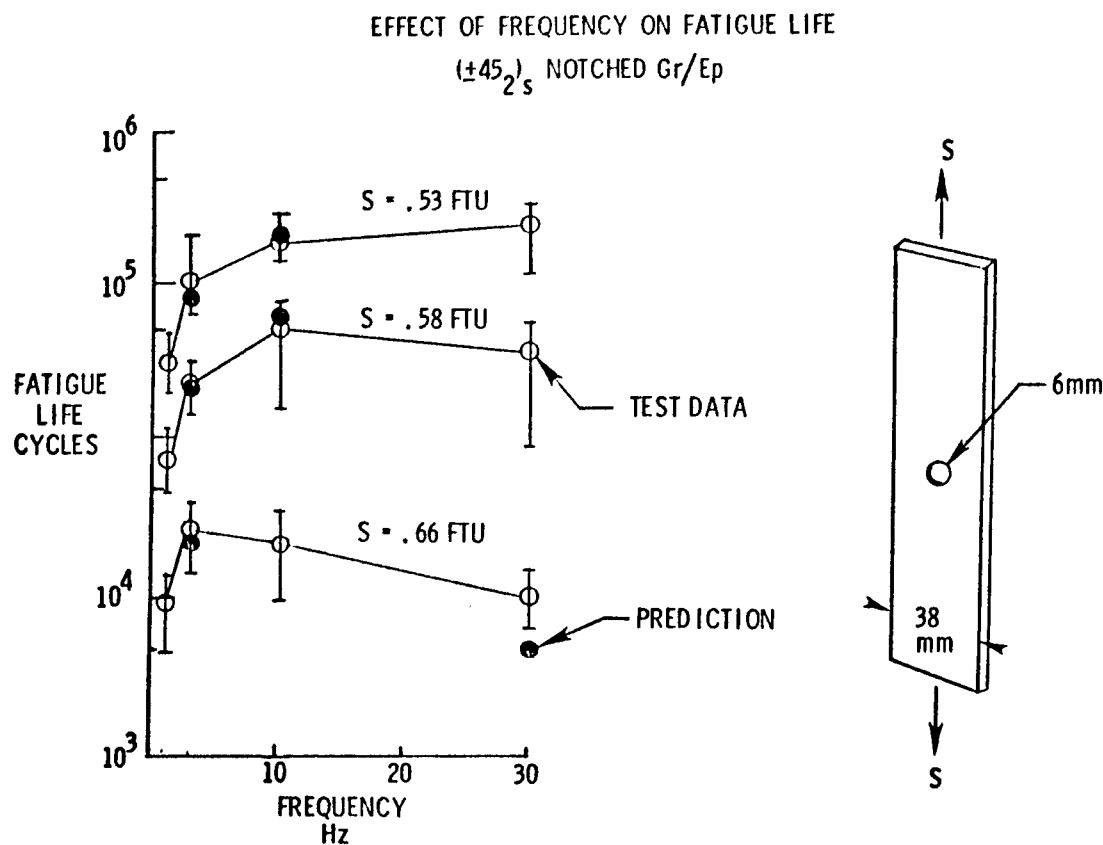


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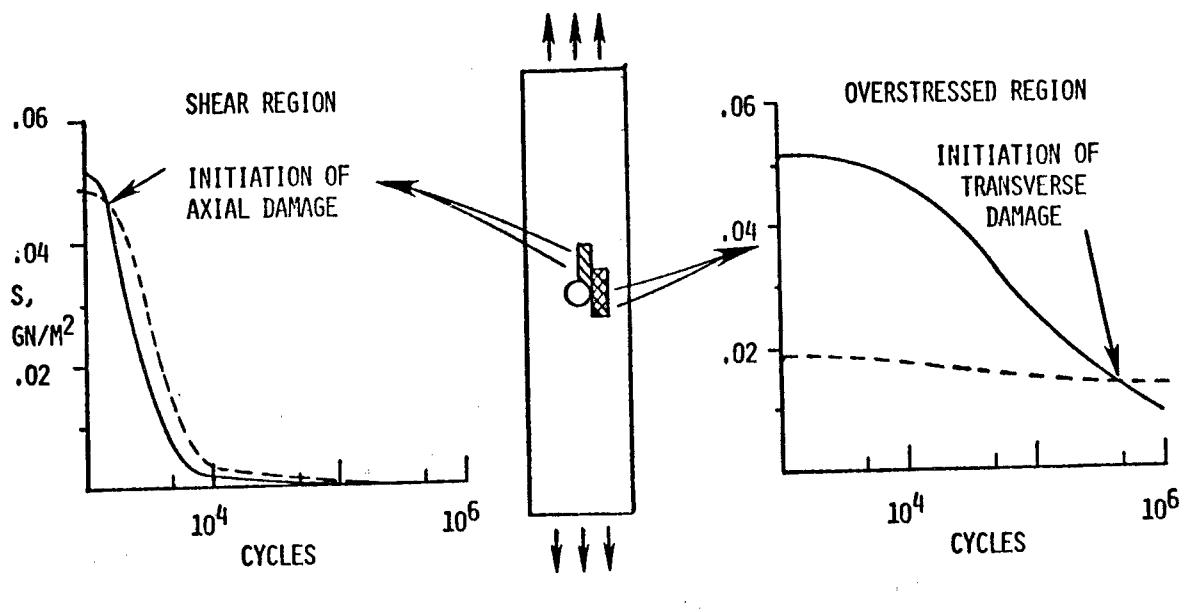
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PREDICTION OF FATIGUE DAMAGE MODE  
IN 45 DEGREE PLYS

B/EP  $(0/+/45/0)_S$   $S = .667 S_U$

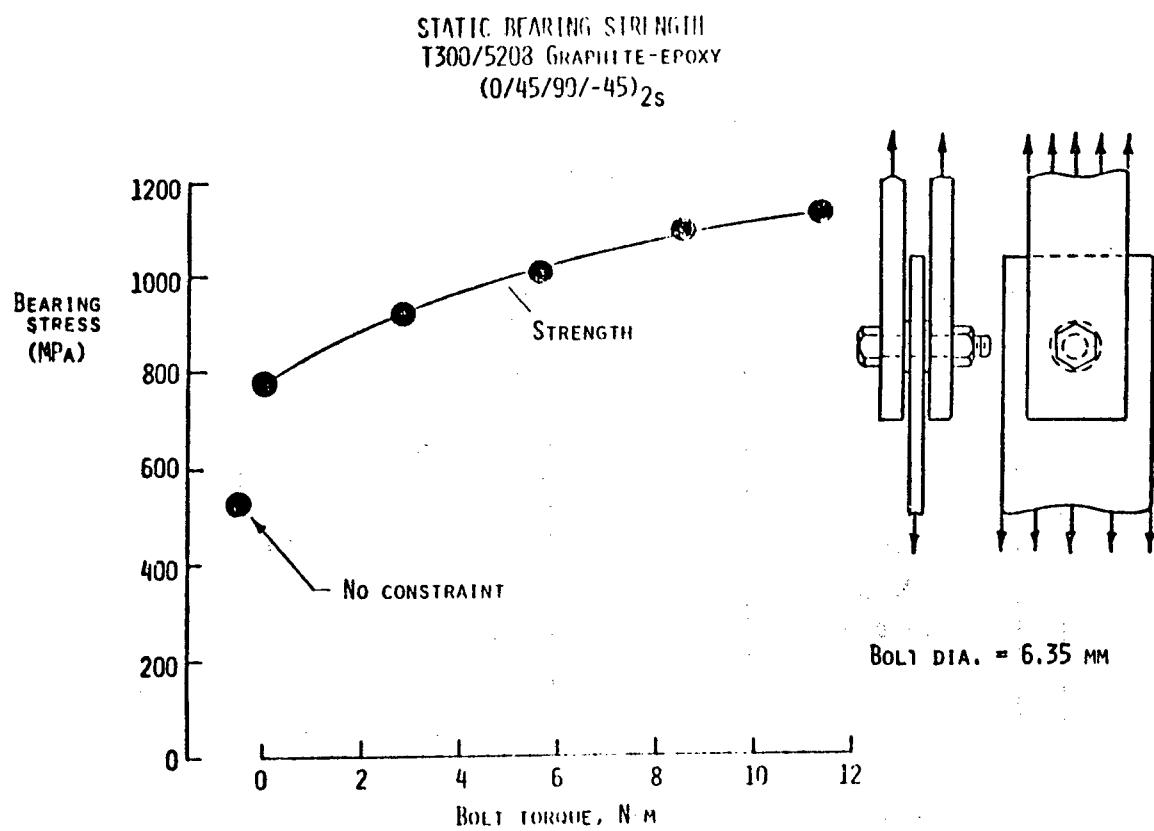


RESIDUAL STRENGTH —————  
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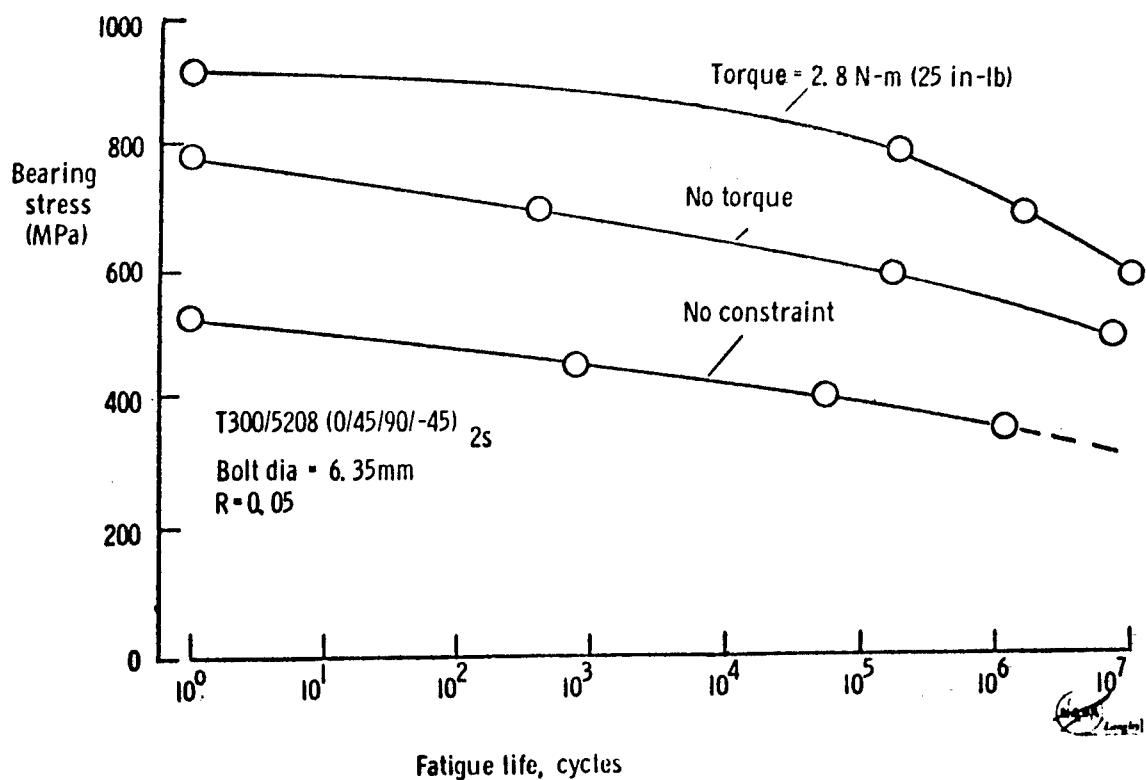
FATIGUE OF JOINTS AND  
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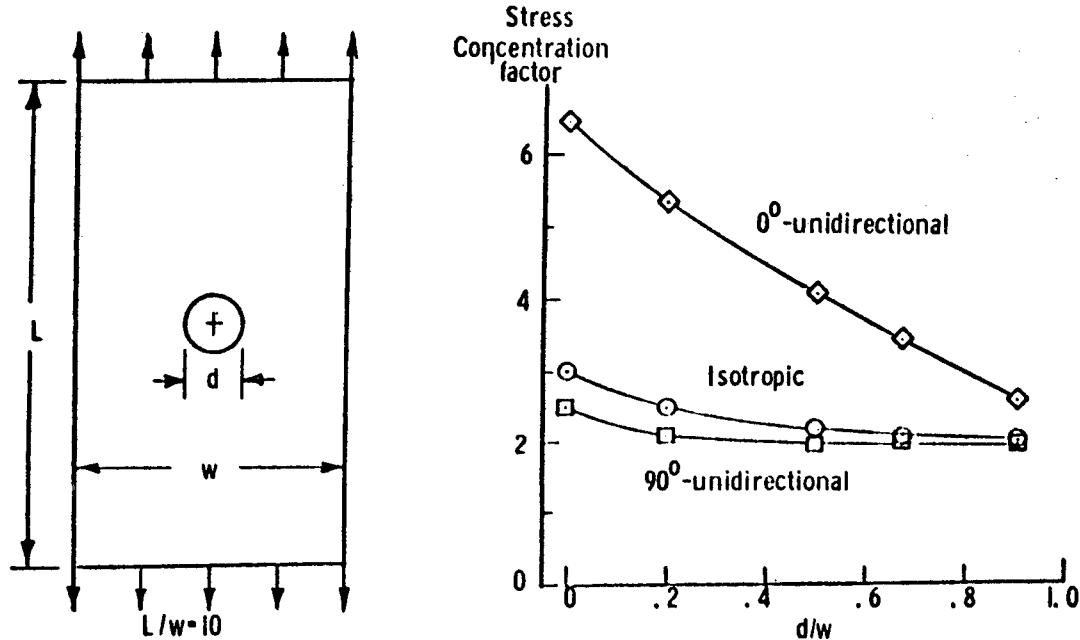
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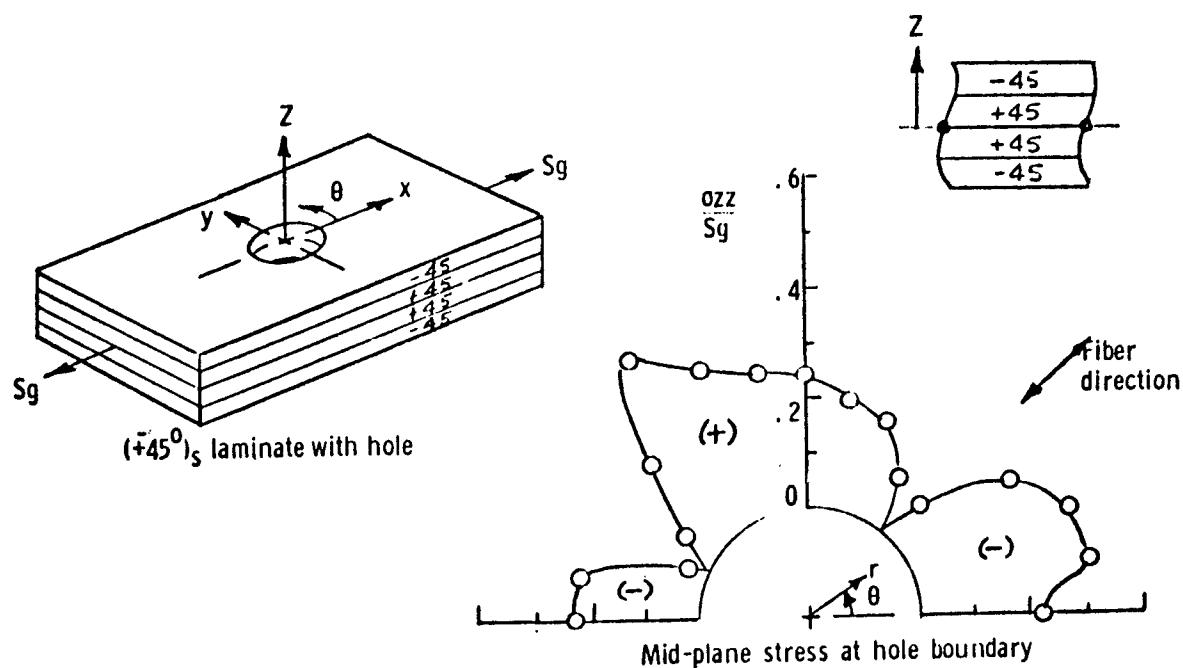
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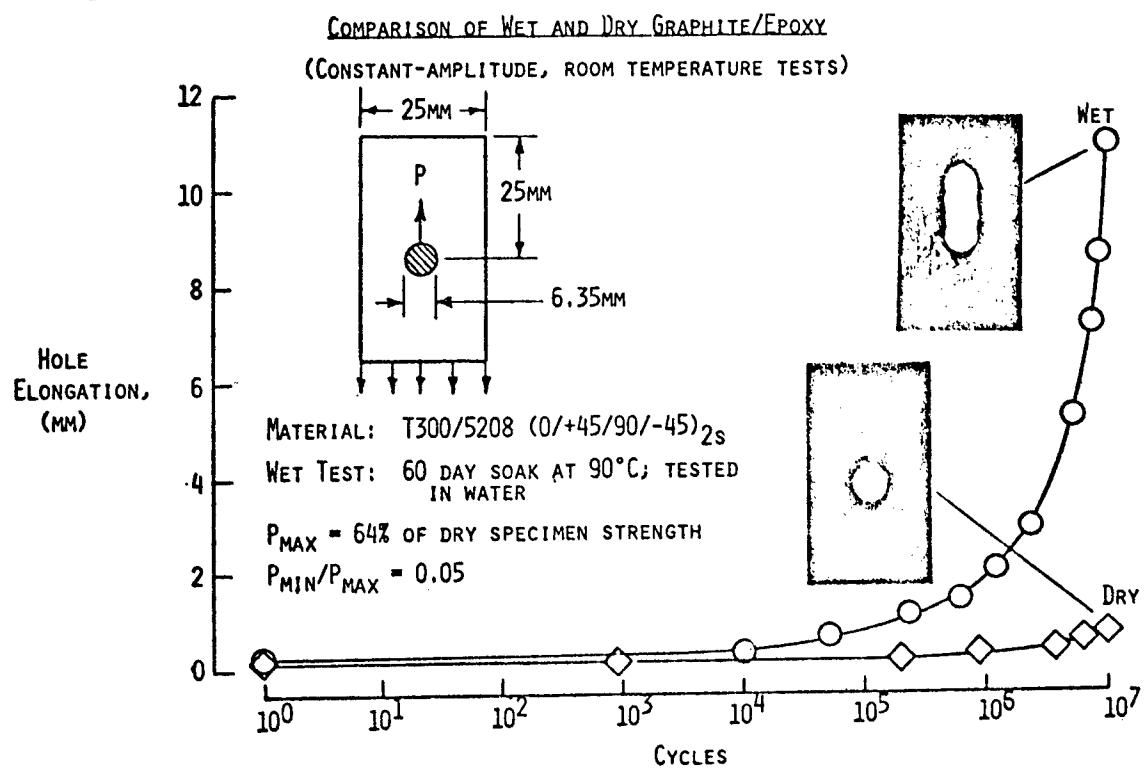
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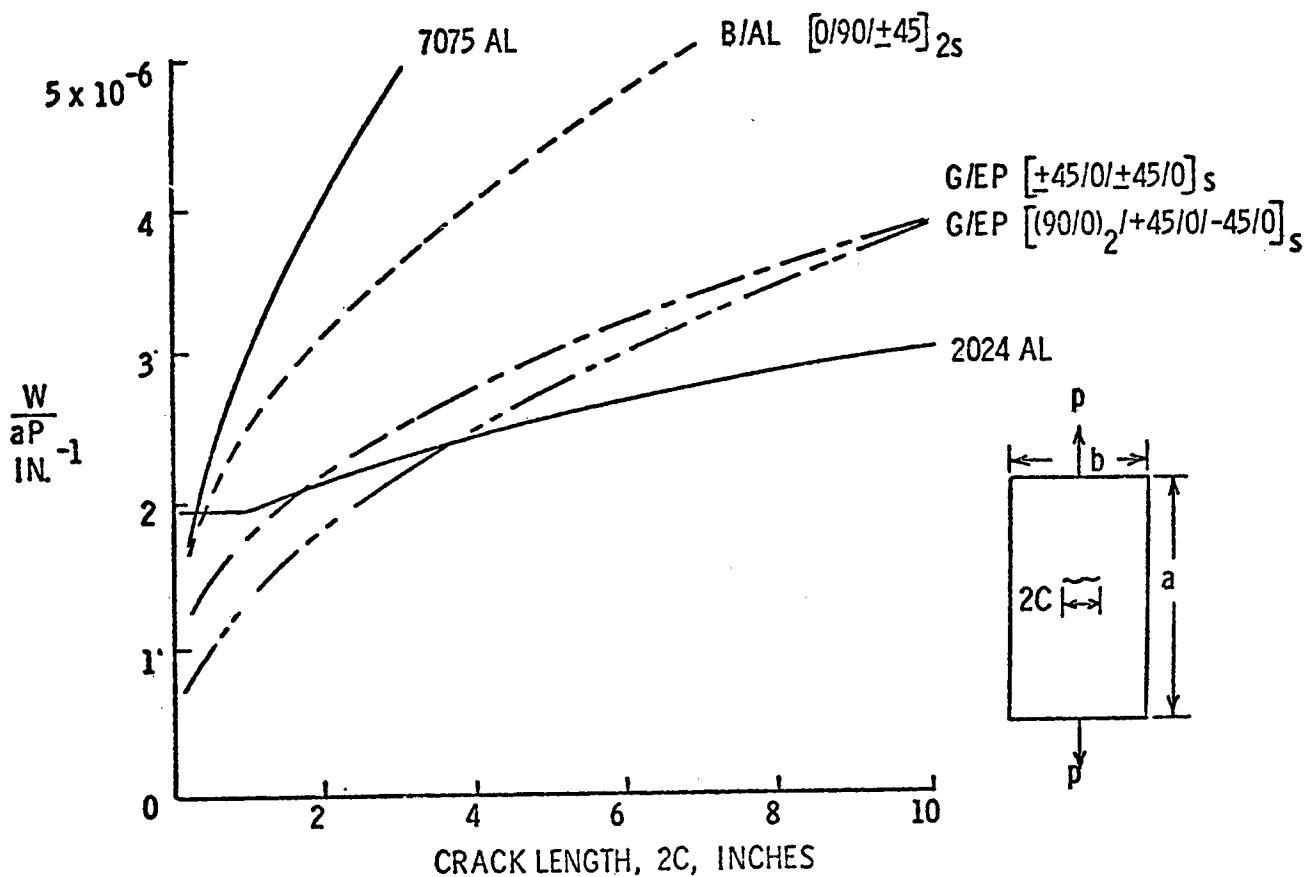


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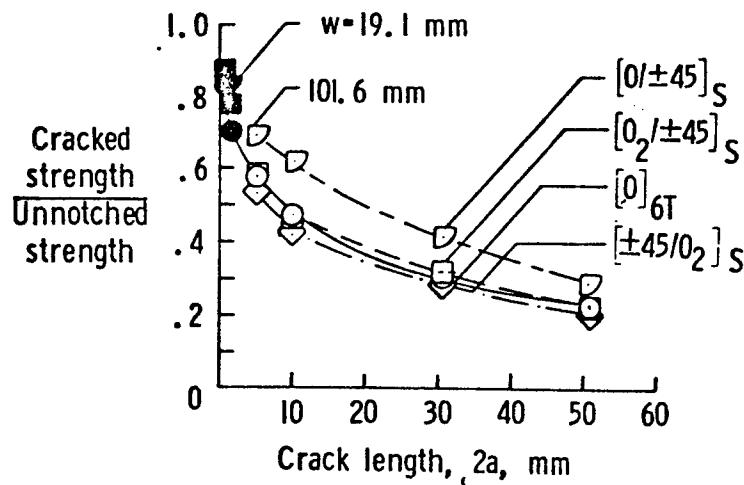
FRACTURE AND  
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WEIGHT INDEX FOR TENSION PANELS



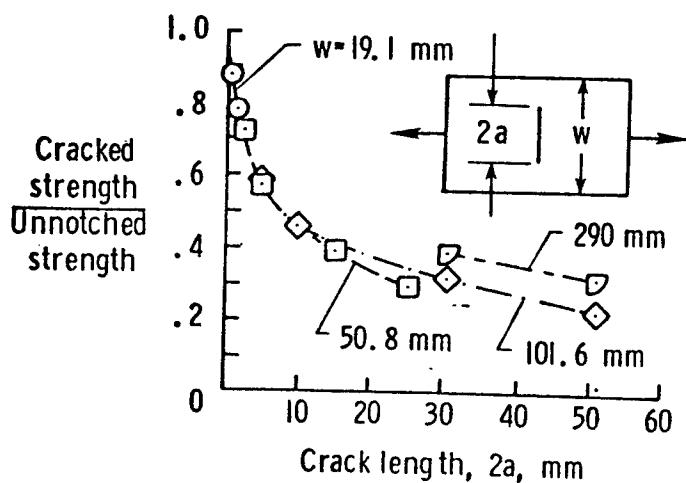
## FRACTURE OF B/AL LAMINATES

### Effect of Laminate Orientation on Cracked Strength



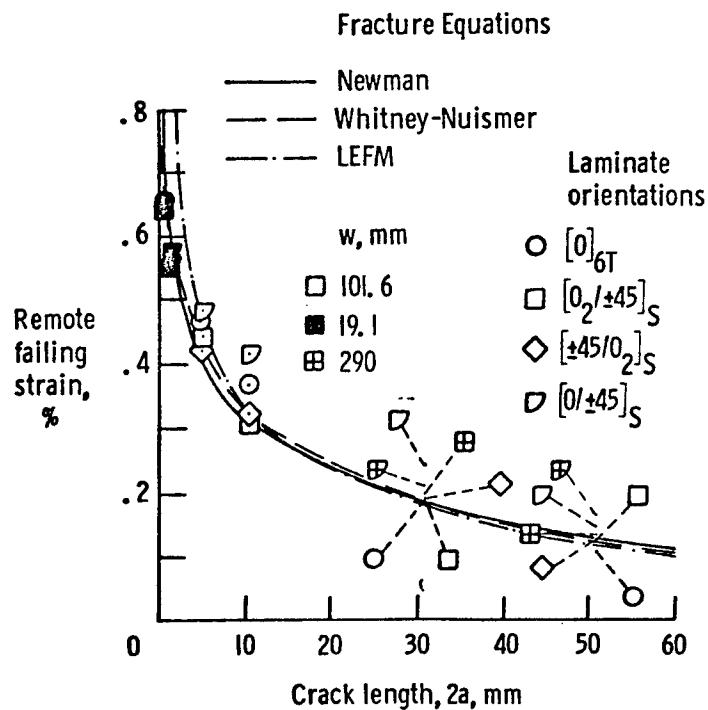
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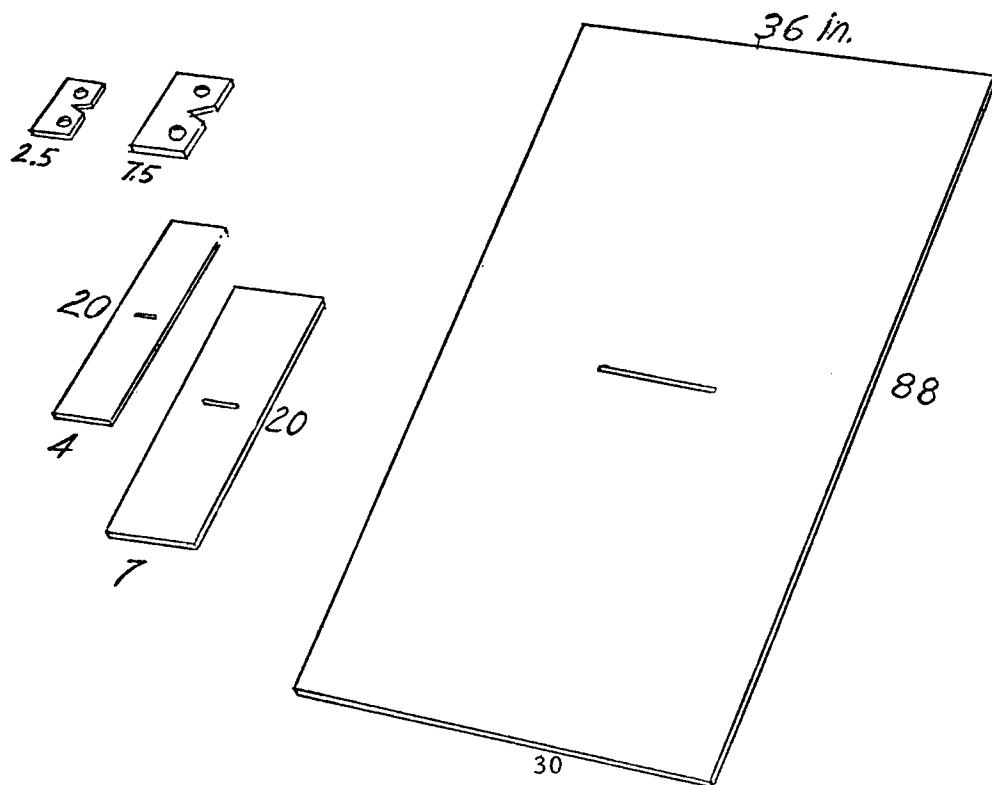


## FRACTURE OF B/AL LAMINATES

### Correlation of Failing Strains and Fracture Equations



## GRAPHITE/EPOXY FRACTURE SPECIMENS



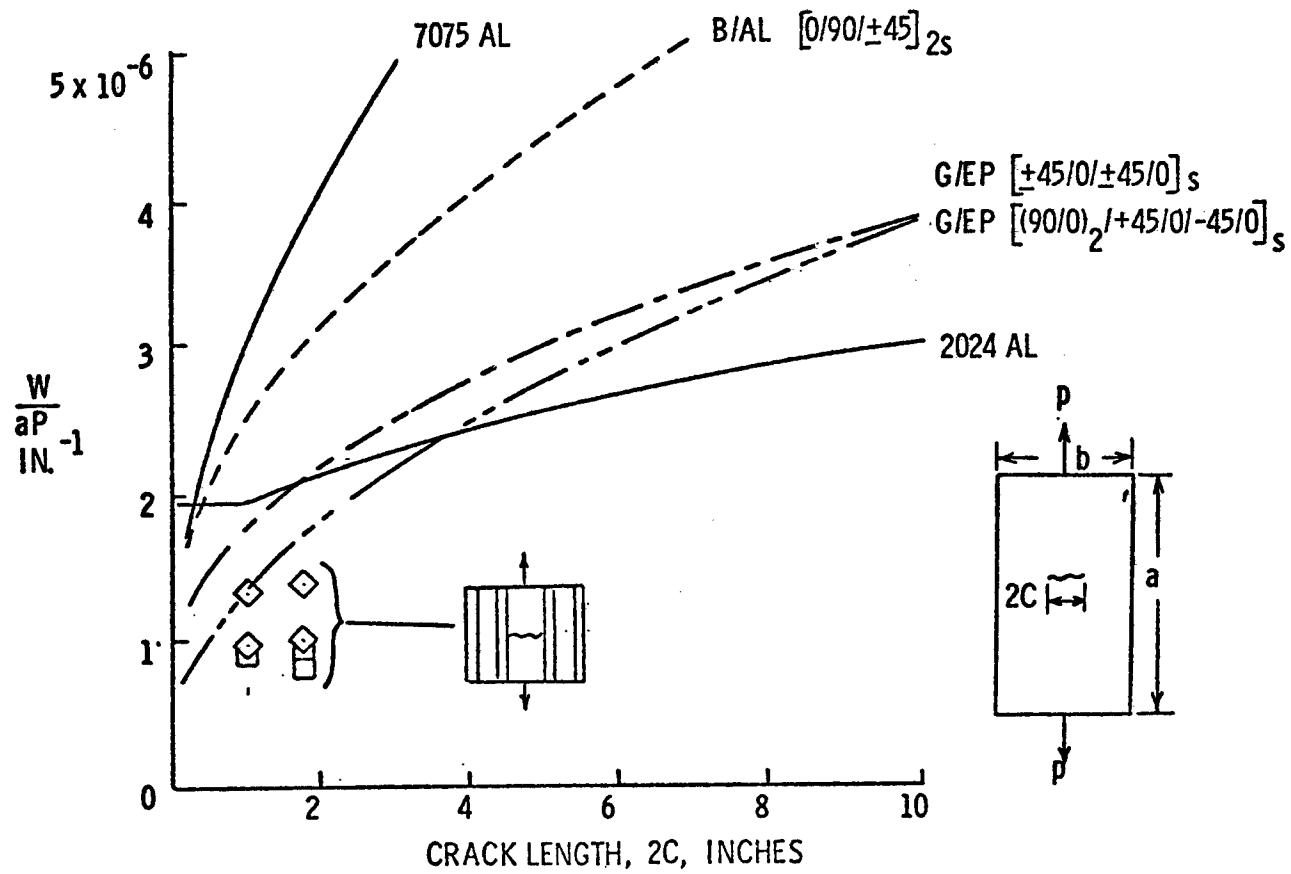
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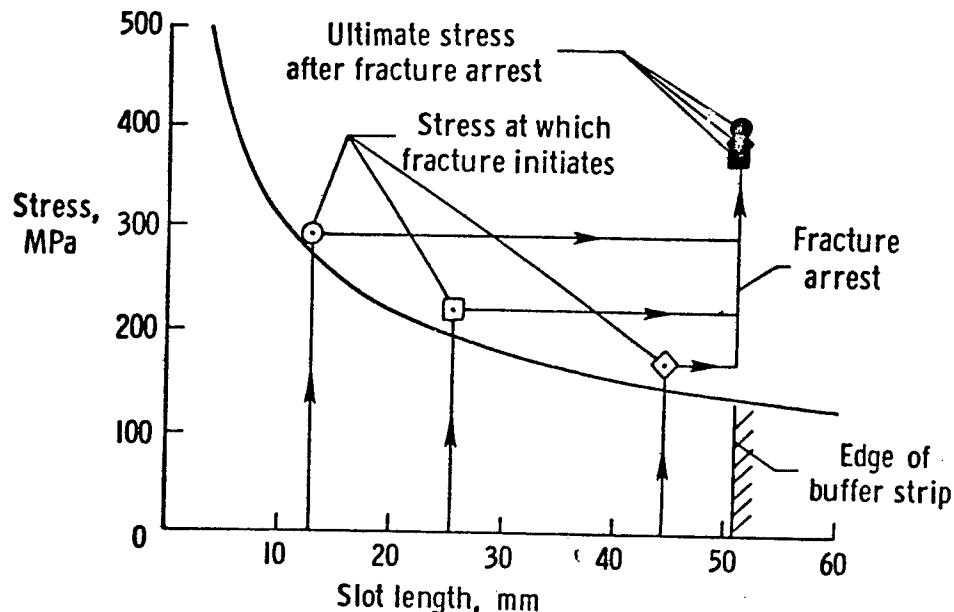
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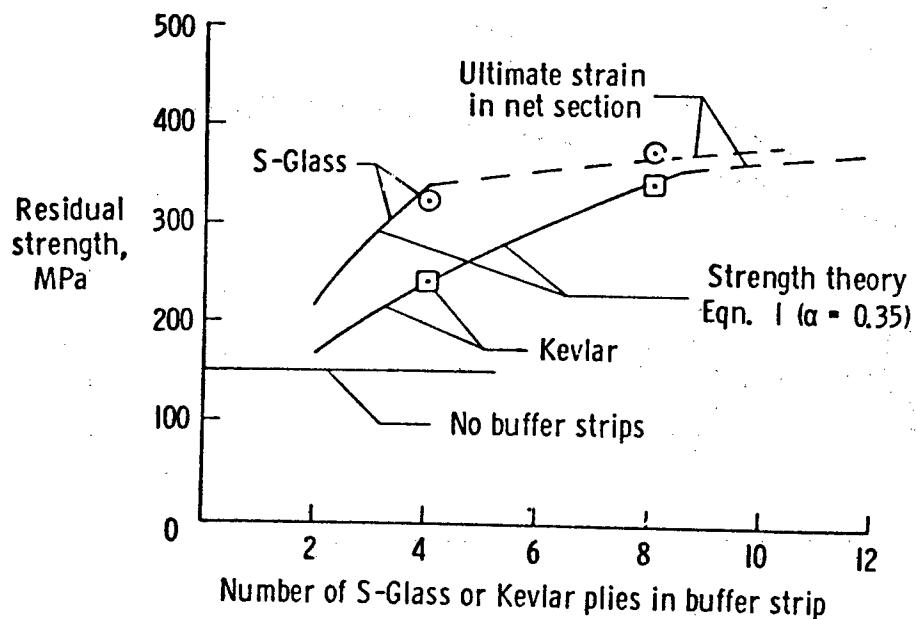
### DAMAGE TOLERANT PANELS

Load History of  $[45/0/-45/90]_{2S}$  Gr/Ep Panels with 8-ply, S-Glass Buffer Strips



### DAMAGE TOLERANT PANELS

Strength Analysis for  $[45/0/-45/90]_{2S}$  Gr/Ep Buffer Strip Panels with Arrested Cracks 50.8-mm Long



## OTHER DAMAGE TOLERANT WORK IN PROGRESS

TESTS OF PANELS WITH

$[45/0/-45/0]_{2s}$  LAMINATES

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WITH BUFFER STRIPS

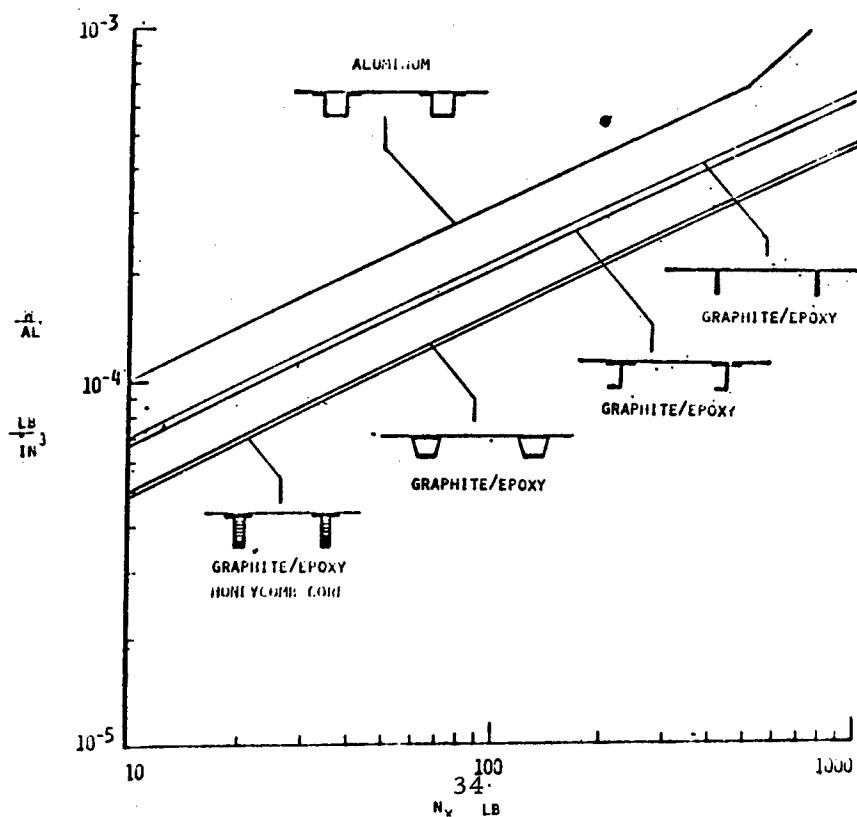
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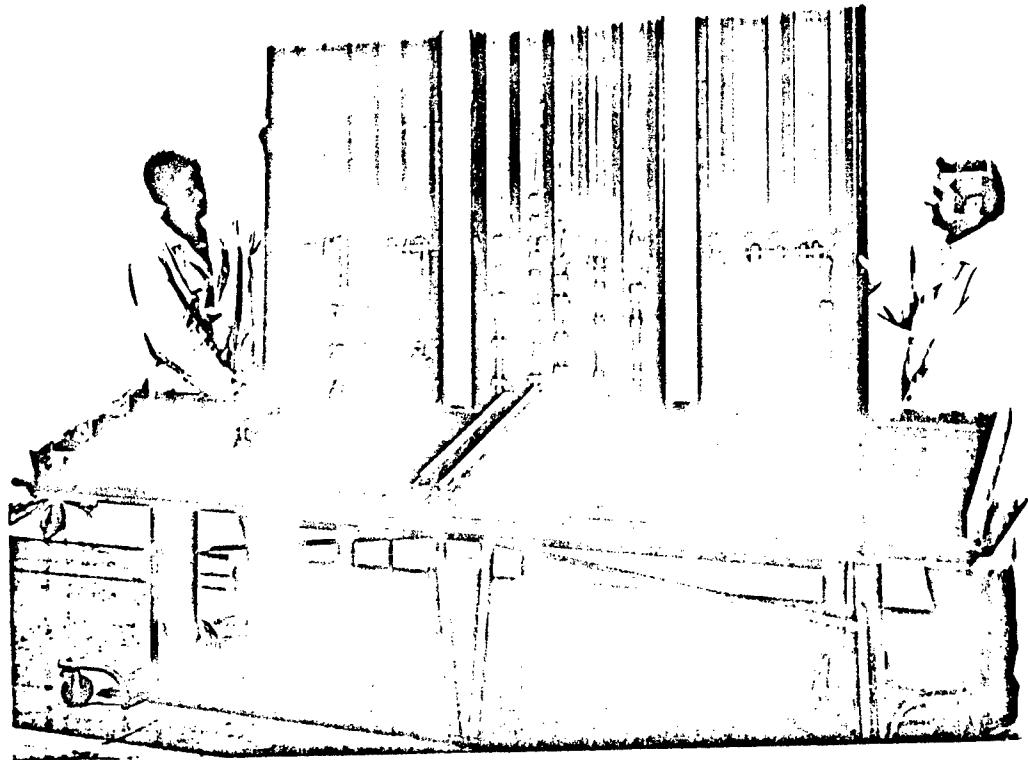
- o STIFFENED-PANEL DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
- o EFFECT OF LOW-VELOCITY IMPACT DAMAGE ON COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH
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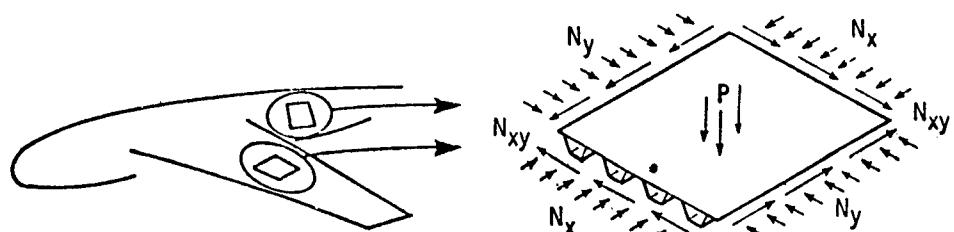
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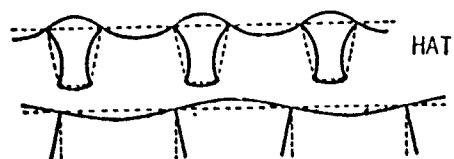
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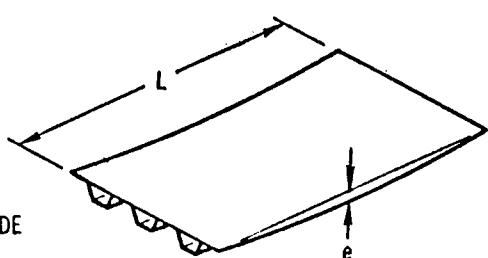
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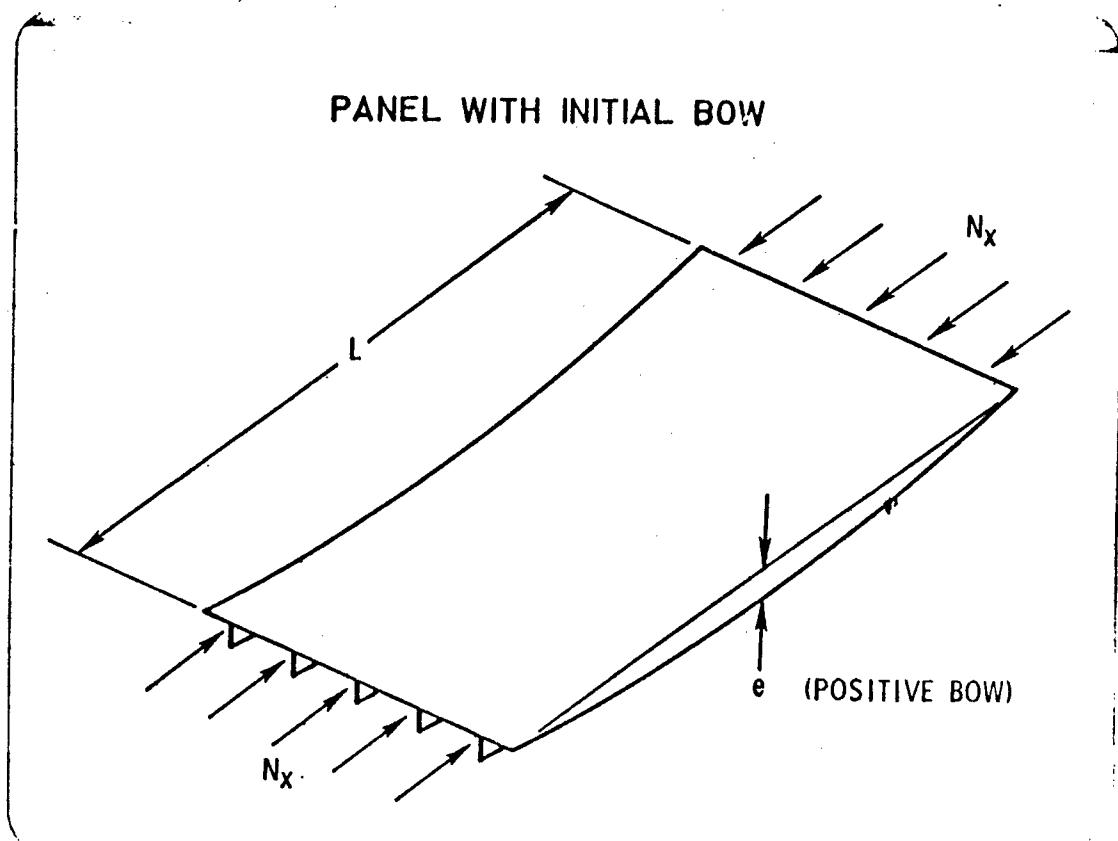
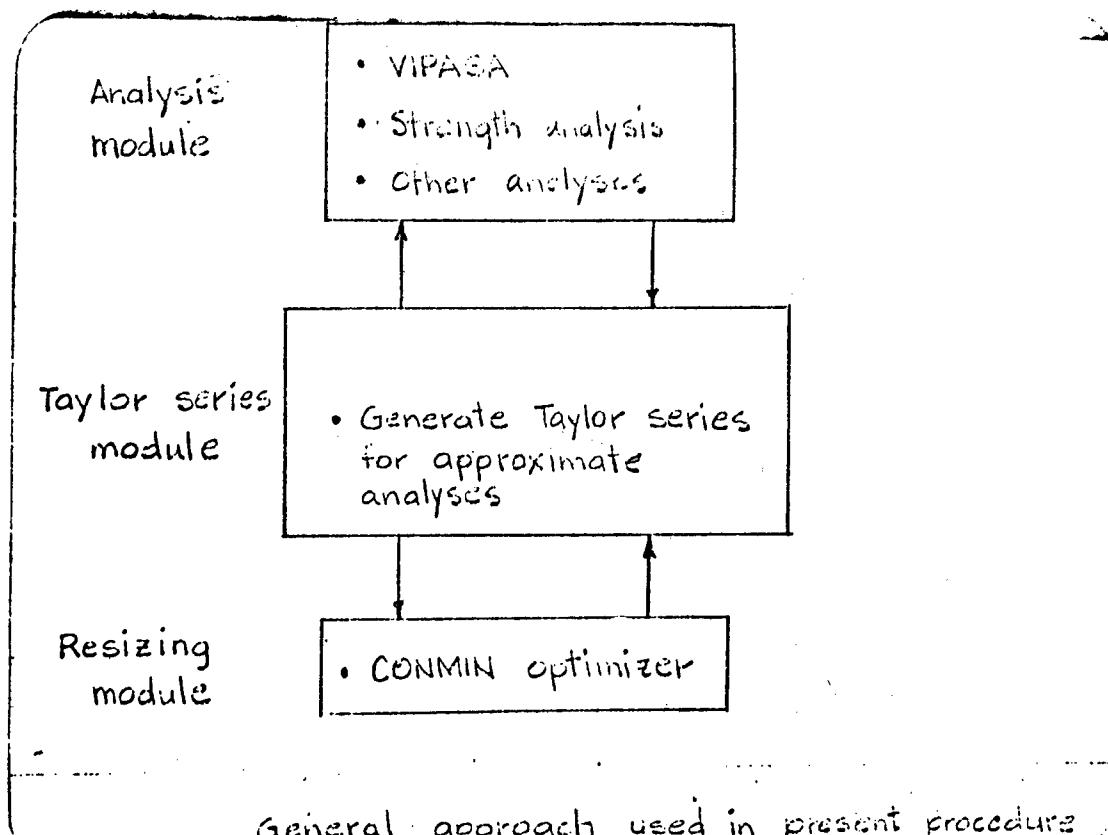
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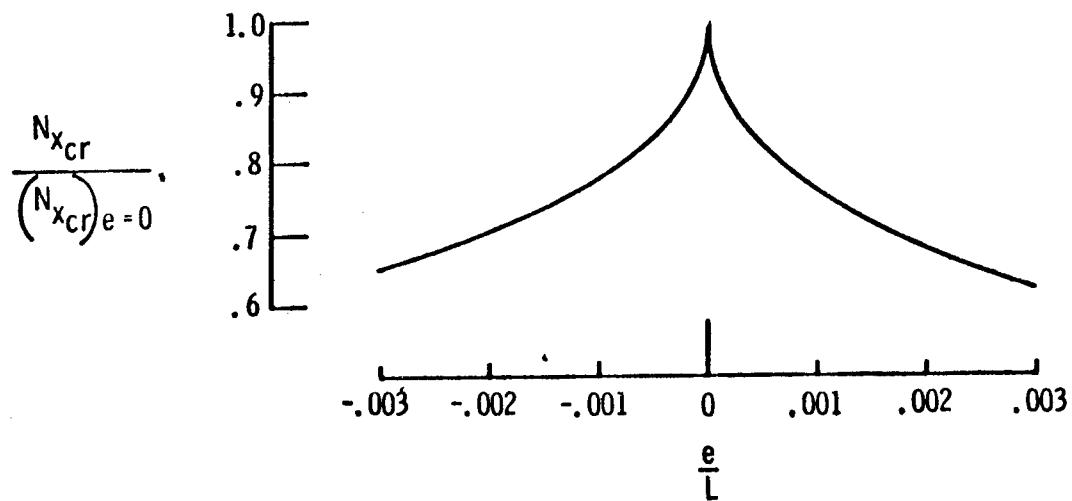
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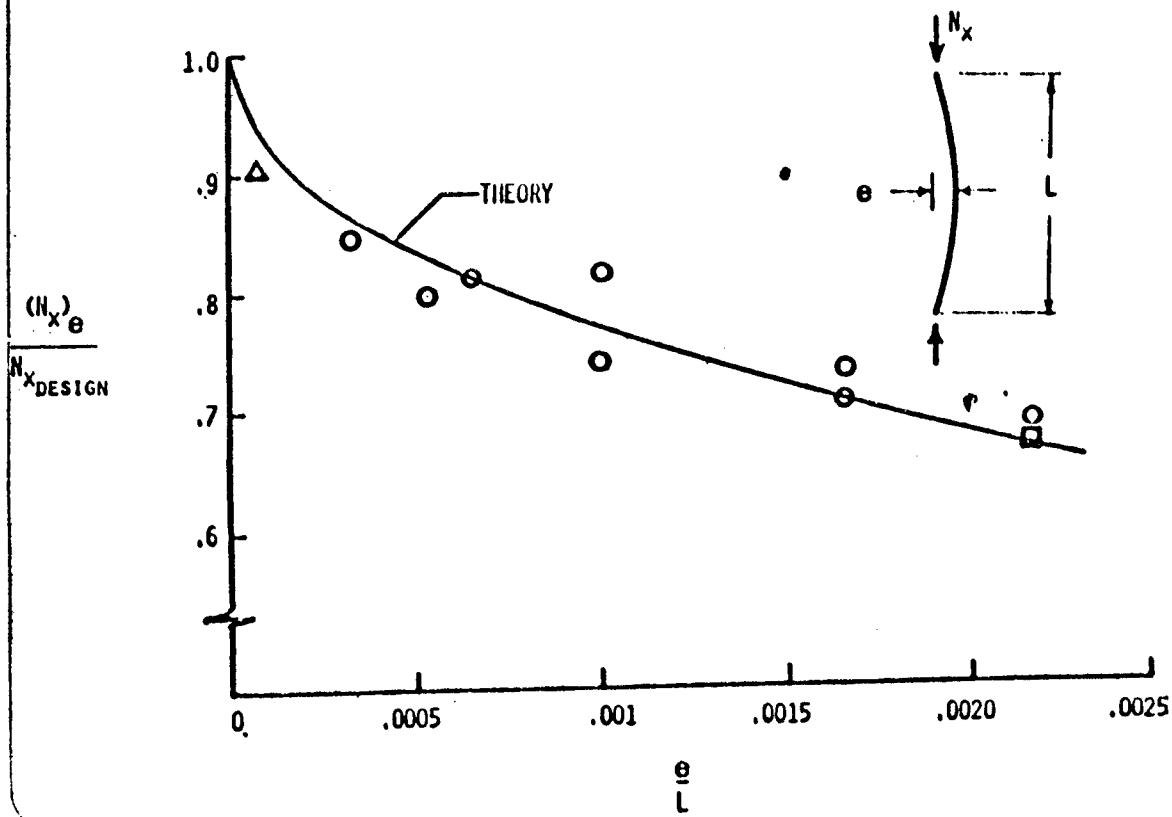
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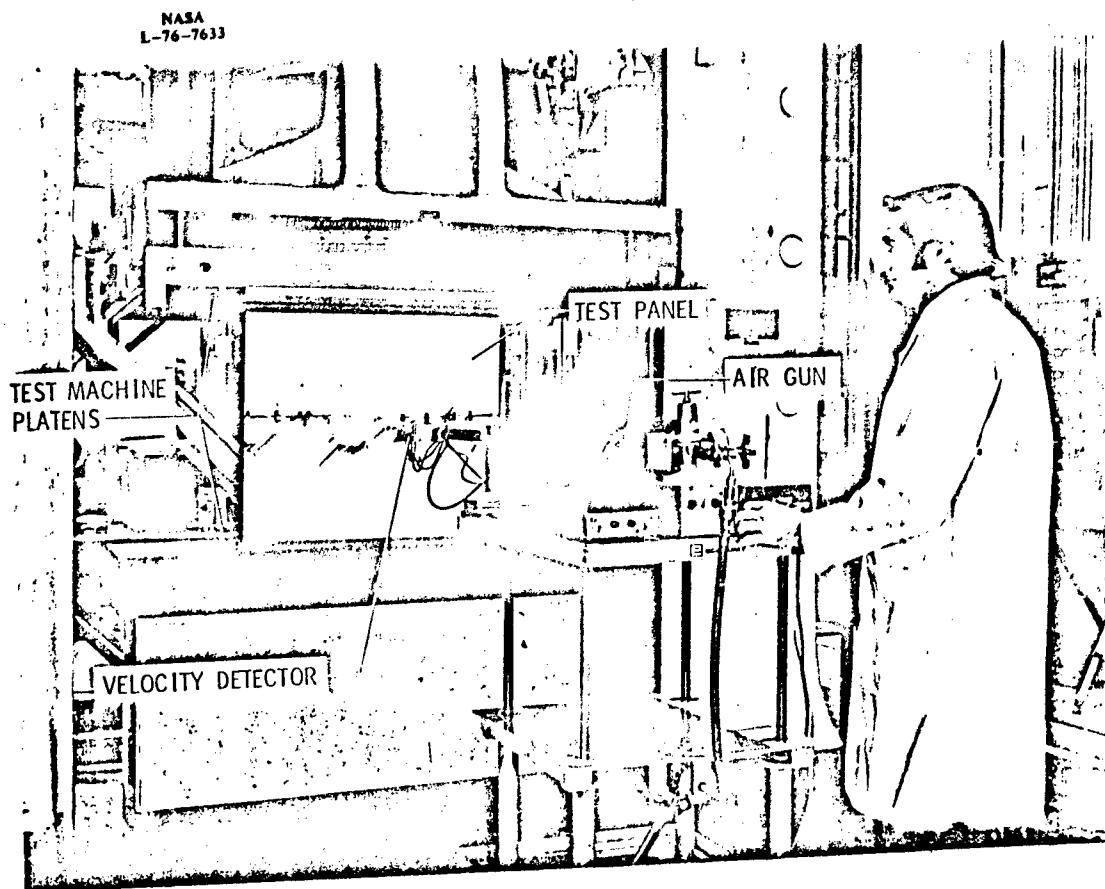


EFFECT OF BOW ON BUCKLING LOAD  
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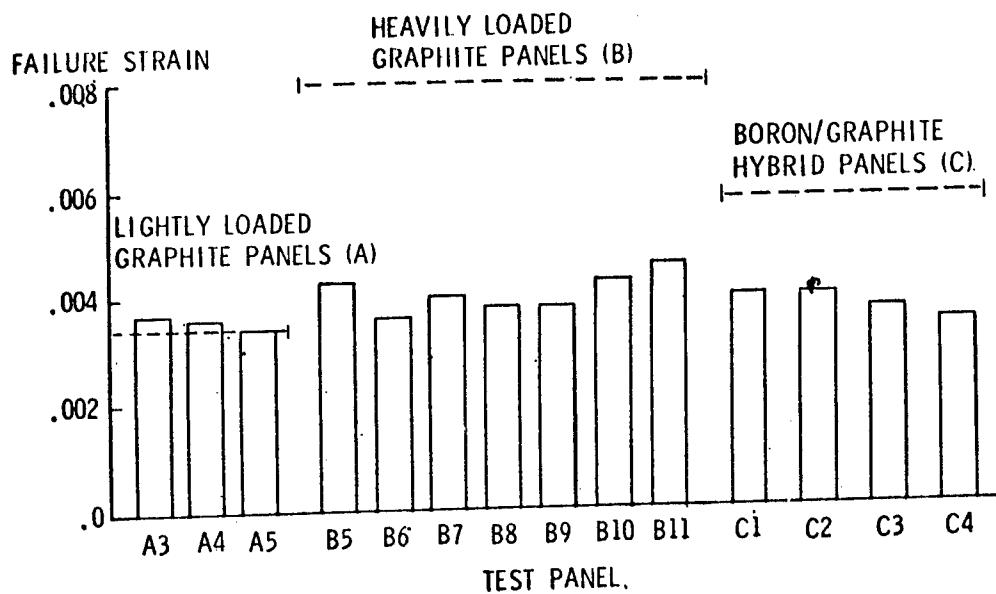
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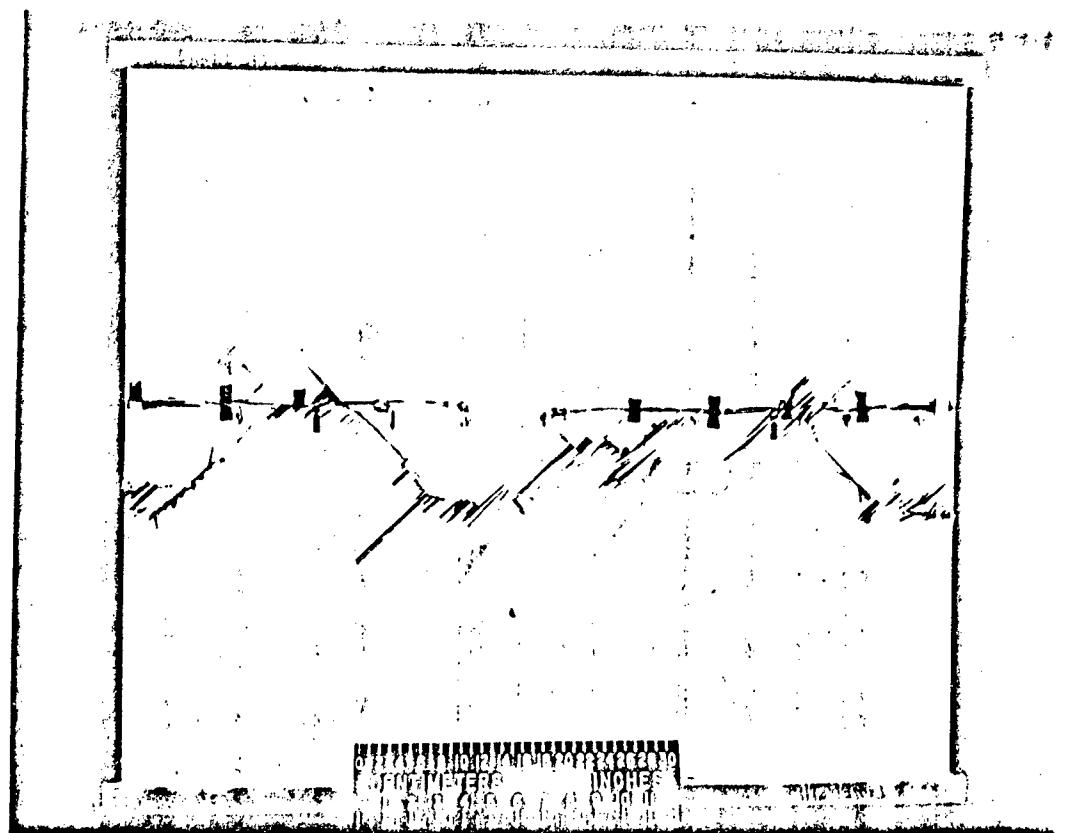


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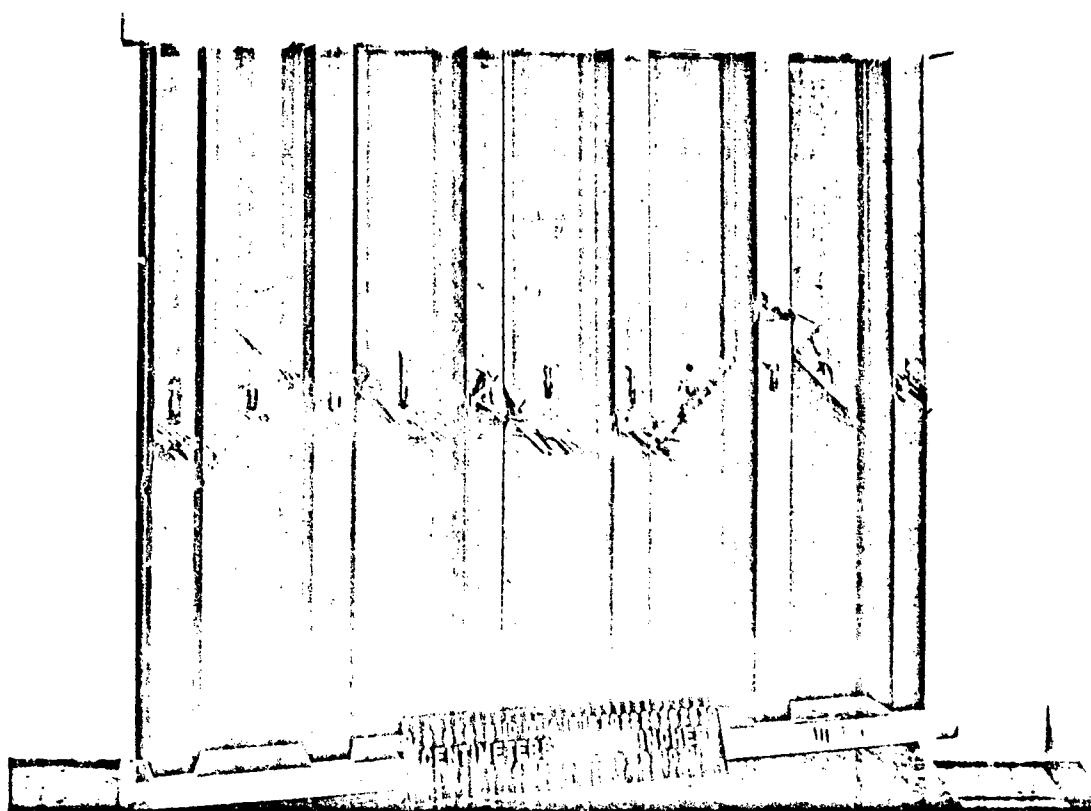
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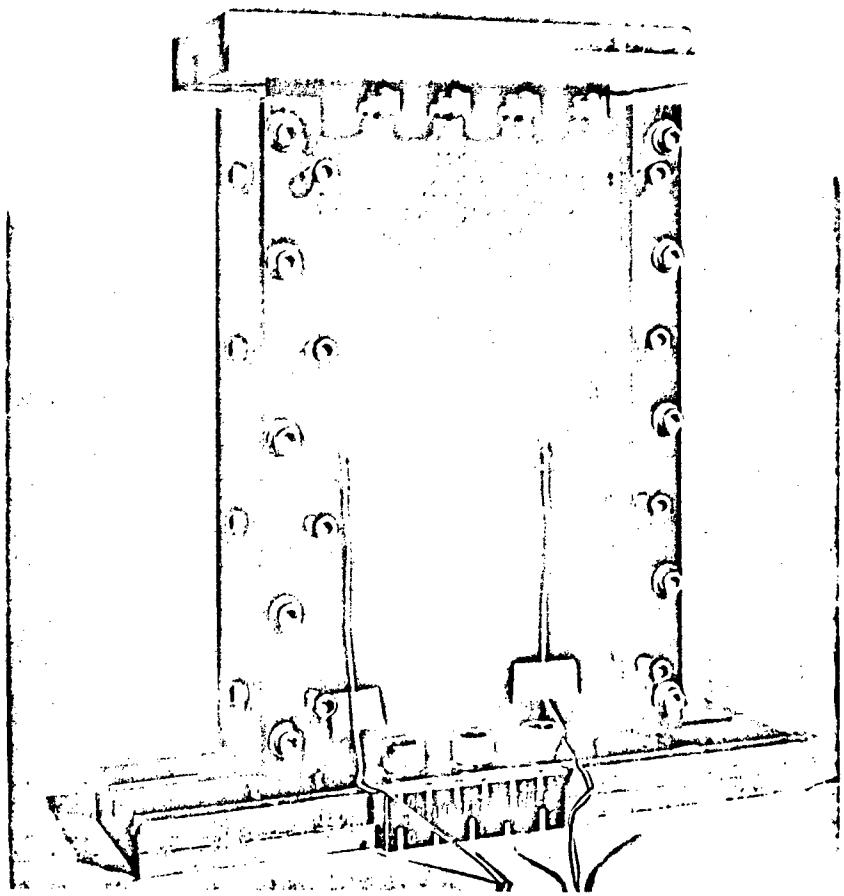


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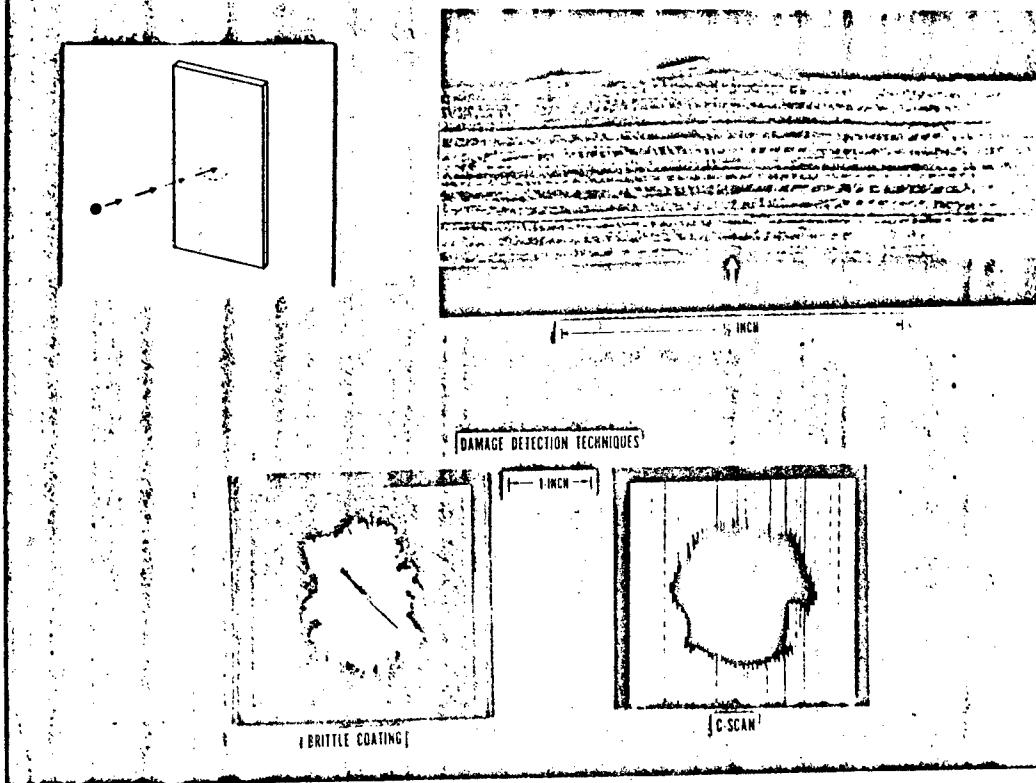


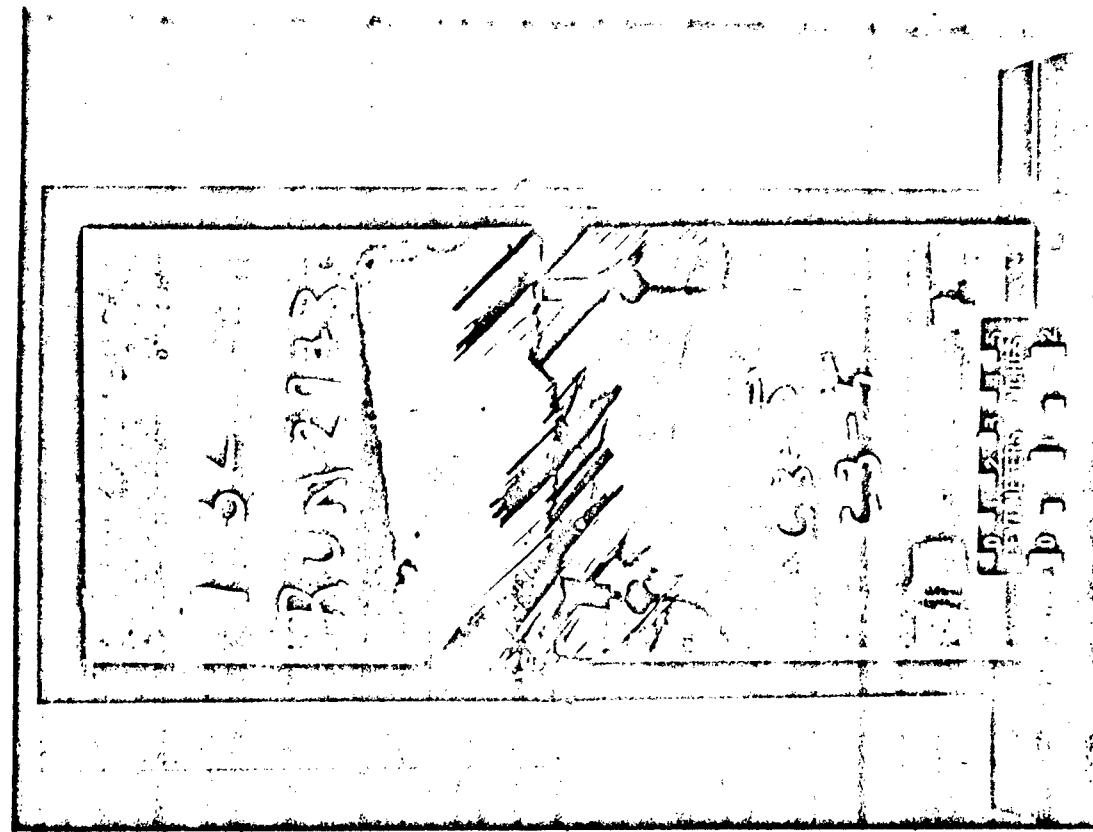
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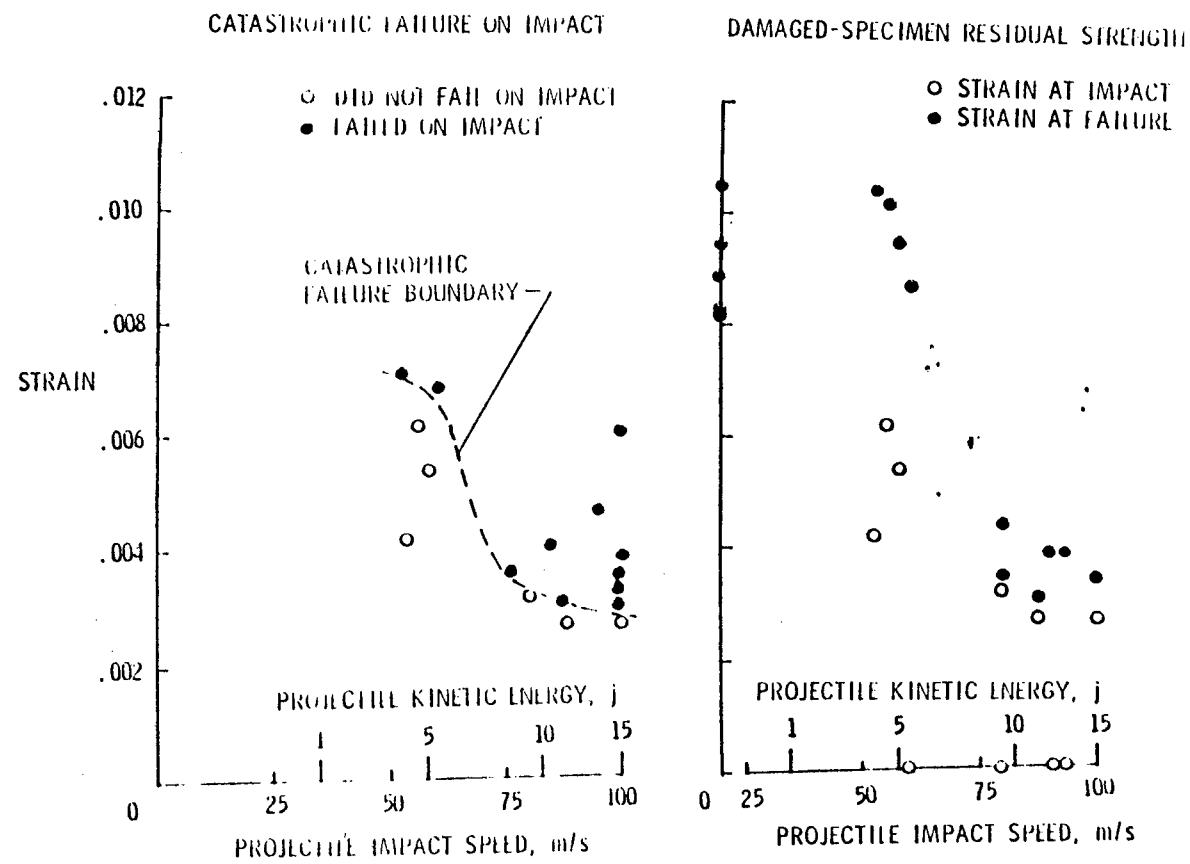


LAMINATE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM PROJECTILE IMPACT

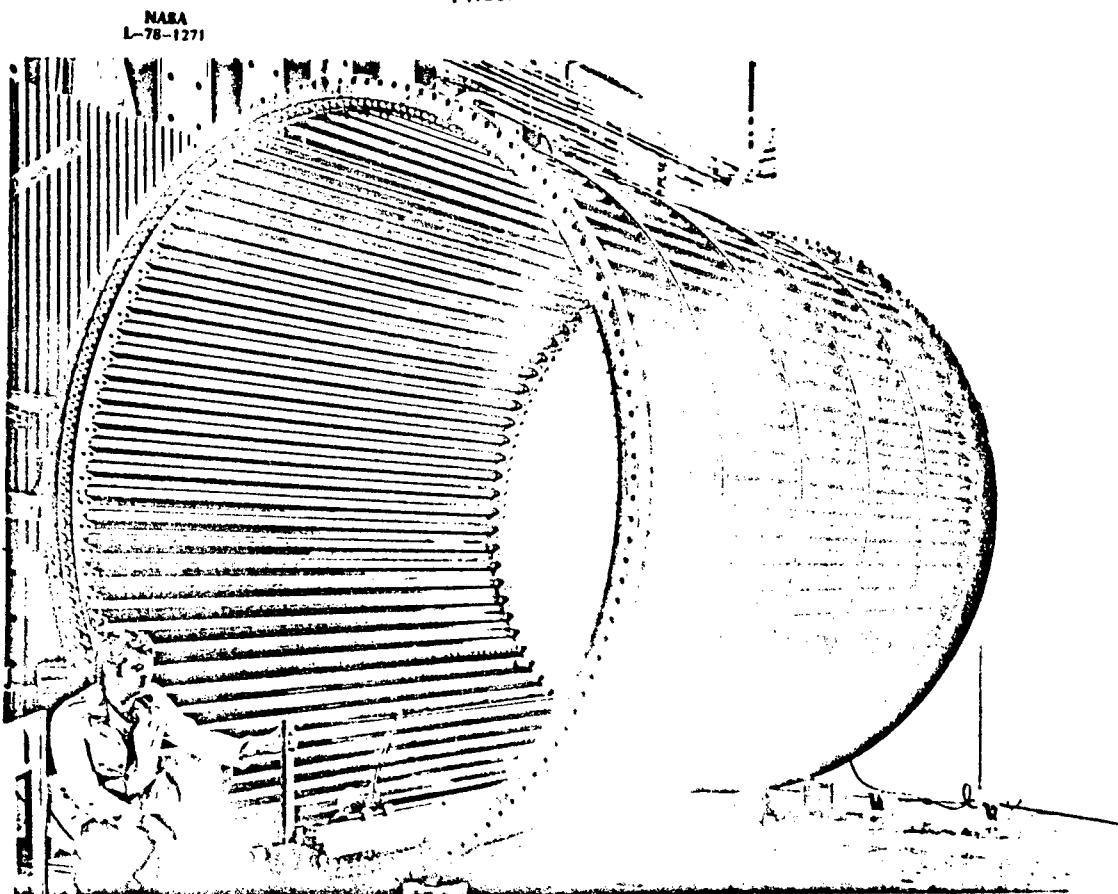
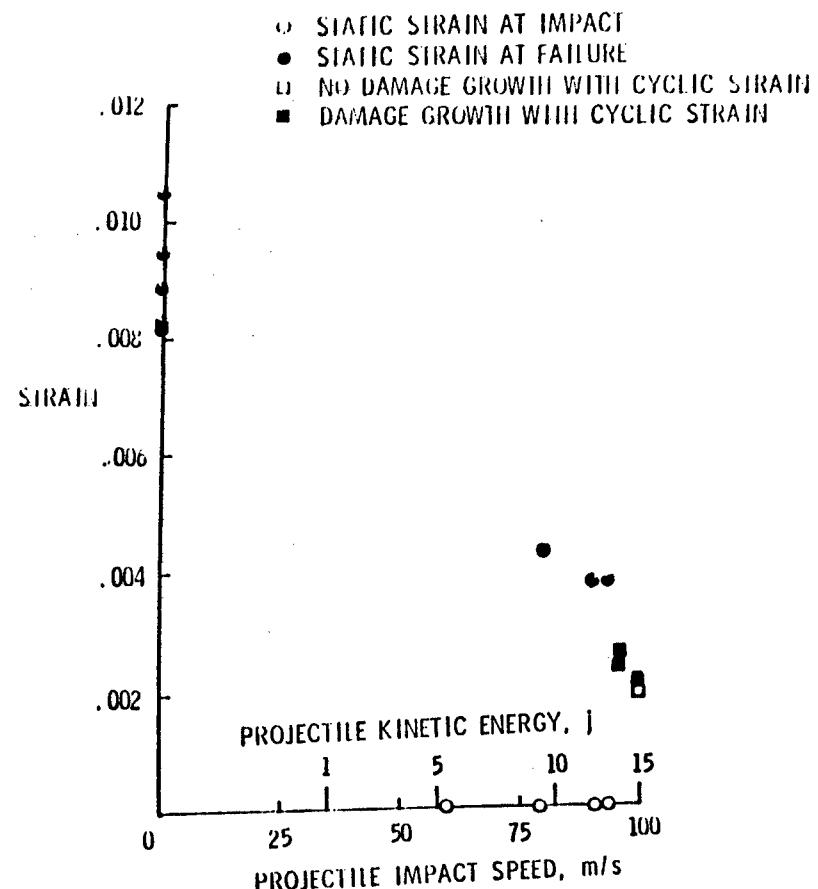


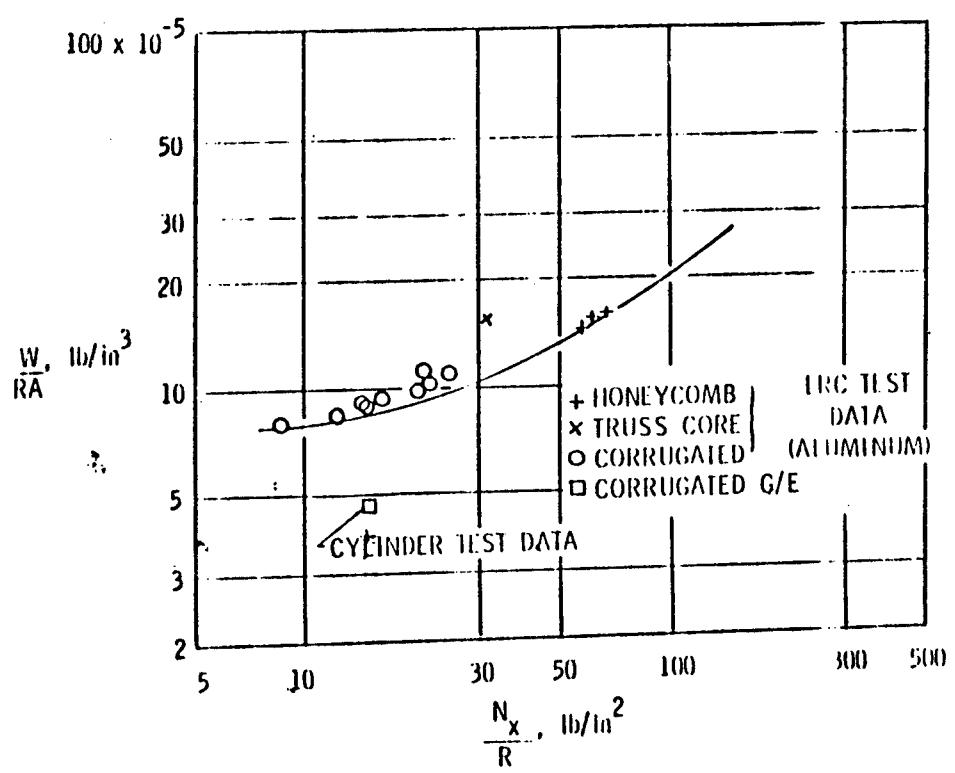


## EFFECT OF IMPACT-DAMAGE ON STATIC COMPRESSION STRENGTH



### EFFECT OF IMPACT DAMAGE ON CYCLIC COMPRESSION STRENGTH





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NONMETALLIC COMPOSITES/MECHANICS

MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES/FAILURE MECHANISMS

OBJECTIVE: IDENTIFY THE PHYSICS OF FAILURE IN LAMINATED COMPOSITES UNDER BOTH STATIC AND FATIGUE LOADING.

APPROACH: PHYSICAL OBSERVATION OF FAILURE PROCESSES UNDER HIGHLY CONTROLLED CONDITIONS.

TRANSITION: FORMS THE BASIS FOR DEVELOPING A MINER'S RULE FOR COMPOSITES.

6T NONMETALLIC COMPOSITES/ MECHANICS MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES/ FAILURE MECHANISMS	GOAL: TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL FAILURE MODES FROM WHICH PERFORMANCE CAN BE MONITORED AND PREDICTED.						
	FY78	FY79	FY80	FY81	FY82	FY83	TOTAL
LIFE PREDICTION							
LIFE PREDICTION, I/H (6.2) (WUD 45)	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.8		
IMPROVED COMPOSITES (6.2) UDRI							
DEFECT/PROP (6.2)							
STATISTICAL FAILURES (6.2)							
FAILURE OF LAMINATES (6.2)							
CUMULATIVE DAMAGE (6.2)							

NONMETALLIC COMPOSITES/MECHANICS

MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES/DURABILITY

OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP ANALYTICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY FOR PREDICTING THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF MOISTURE/ TEMPERATURE/STRESS ON THE MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF LAMINATED COMPOSITES.

APPROACH: ANALYTICAL MODELS BASED ON EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVATION OF PHYSICAL BEHAVIOR.

TRANSITION: PROVIDES BASIS FOR ASSESSING DURABILITY OF COMPOSITES FOR MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT OR FOR DESIGN (3A, AFFDL, INDUSTRY).

6T NONMETALLIC COMPOSITES/ MECHANICS MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES/ DURABILITY	GOAL: TO INSURE PERFORMANCE OF COMPOSITES UNDER ANTICIPATED LOADS AND ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT ENTIRE LIFE.						
	FY78	FY79	FY80	FY81	FY82	FY83	TOTAL
GURANTEED PERFORMANCE							
DURABILITY, I/H (UD 45)	(6.2)	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	
IMPROVED COMPOSITES	(6.2)						
UDRI							
MOISTURE EFFECTS	(6.2)						
TIME-DEP BEHAVIOR	(6.2)						
COMPR LOADING	(6.2)						
LOAD HISTORY	(6.2)						
ENVIRON IMPACTS	(6.2)						

NONMETALLIC COMPOSITES/MECHANICS

MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES/MATERIALS IMPROVEMENTS

OBJECTIVE: TO ESTABLISH RATIONAL BASIS TO SELECT CONSTITUENT MATERIALS, INTERFACE TREATMENT AND CURE CYCLE FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE.

APPROACH: TO USE ADVANCED THEORIES OF INELASTIC AND FAILURE MECHANICS TO MODEL MICROMECHANICS AND CURE CYCLE FROM WHICH FIGURES OF MERITS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND QUANTITATIVELY DEFINED.

TRANSITION: PROVIDE KEY INFORMATION TO 7T, 6T (MATERIALS), 3A AND INDUSTRY.

6T NONMETALLIC COMPOSITES/ MECHANICS MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES/ MATERIALS IMPROVEMENTS	GOAL: TO ESTABLISH RATIONAL CRITERIA FOR SELECTION AND PROCESSING OF CONSTITUENTS AND LAMINATE MATERIALS:						
	FY78	FY79	FY80	FY81	FY82	FY83	TOTAL
<u>OPTIMUM MATERIALS</u>							
MATERIALS IMPROVE. I/H (6.2)	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2		
NOVEL DESIGN (6.1)							
(6.2)							
OPTIMIZED CURING (6.2)				1			
HYBRID COMP (6.2)							
METAL MATRIX COMP (6.2)					1		
MAINTENANCE FREE COMP (6.2)						1	

## DURABILITY/LIFE PREDICTION OF COMPOSITES AND ADHESIVE JOINTS

### TASK I MECHANICS OF COMPOSITES

LIFE PREDICTION: ANALYTICAL MODELING BASED ON PROBABILISTIC THEORIES SHALL BE USED TO DEVELOP A SYSTEMATIC TEST MATRIX FROM WHICH LIFE PREDICTION METHODOLOGY SHALL BE DEVELOPED. IN THE EXPERIMENTAL PHASE, THE INTERACTION BETWEEN A LOADING HISTORY AND REALISTIC ENVIRONMENTS SHALL BE CRITICALLY ASSESSED. LONG TERM DURABILITY OF COMPOSITES CAN THEN BE EVALUATED WITH SPECIFIED LEVELS OF RELIABILITY.

FAILURE MECHANISMS: THIS SHALL BE APPROACHED ON TWO LEVELS; THE COMPOSITE AS A WHOLE AND THE INTERFACIAL LEVEL. THE APPROACH WILL INVOLVE USING SEVERAL NDI TECHNIQUES TO DETECT AND MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DAMAGE ZONES IN THE COMPOSITE AS A FUNCTION OF LOADING AND COMPOSITE PARAMETERS, AND THE USE OF FRACTOGRAPHY TO STUDY FRACTURE SURFACES. THE ROLE OF THE FIBER SURFACE, AND FIBER/MATRIX INTERPHASE ON COMPOSITE DURABILITY AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES WILL BE STUDIED THROUGH THE USE OF SURFACE ENERGETICS, SURFACE COMPOSITION AND MICROSCOPIC TECHNIQUES ON SINGLE FILAMENT SPECIMENS. INTERFACIAL PROPERTIES AND DURABILITY WILL BE DETERMINED BY MECHANICAL TESTING.

## DEFECT - PROPERTY RELATIONSHIPS IN COMPOSITE MATERIALS

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### OBJECTIVES:

1. TO IDENTIFY THE PRECISE NATURE OF DAMAGE DEVELOPMENT IN QUASI-ISOTROPIC GRAPHITE-EPOXY LAMINATES UNDER VARIOUS LOAD HISTORIES.
2. TO DETERMINE THE PHYSICAL PARAMETERS WHICH LEAD TO A LOSS OF STRENGTH AND/OR LIFE.
3. TO ESTABLISH THE MECHANICS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND COMBINED ACTION OF THESE PARAMETERS AS THEY INFLUENCE MECHANICAL RESPONSE.
4. TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF HOW THESE FINDINGS CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED BY ANALYSIS.

### INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAM:

MATERIAL: AS/3501 GRAPHITE EPOXY

SPECIMENS: TYPE I -  $(0, \pm 45, 90)_s$ ;  
TYPE II -  $(0, 90, \pm 45)_s$ ;  
TYPE III -  $(0, 90_2, \pm 45)_s$ ;  
TYPE IV -  $(90_2, 0, \pm 45)_s$

### METHODS

- INSTRUMENTED TENSILE TESTS
- FATIGUE TESTS
- SEM AND LIGHT MICROSCOPE STUDIES
- REPLICATION STUDIES
- ACOUSTIC EMISSION AND ULTRASONIC ATTENUATION STUDIES
- VIDEO AND THERMOGRAPHIC STUDIES
- SECTIONING STUDIES
- LAMINATE THEORY CALCULATIONS - FAILURE PREDICTIONS
- EQUILIBRIUM ELEMENT AND FINITE DIFFERENCE ANALYSES  
OF DAMAGE STATE

### GENERAL

- LOAD HISTORY STUDIES
- TRANSVERSE CRACK AND DELAMINATION INVESTIGATION -  
INITIATION, GROWTH, AND FRACTURE
- TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT - ULTRASONIC ATTENUATION,  
THERMOGRAPHY, REPLICATION
- ANALYSIS EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

## EARLIER FINDINGS

### QUASI-STATIC LOADING

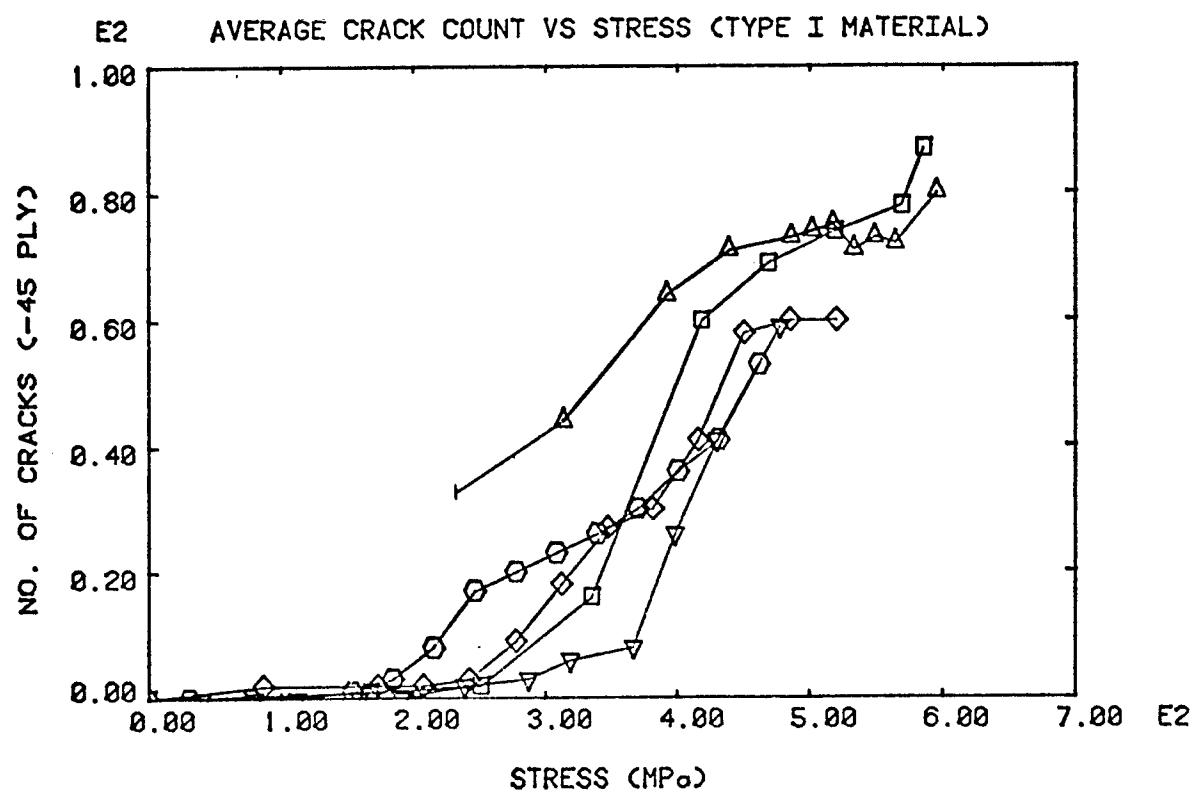
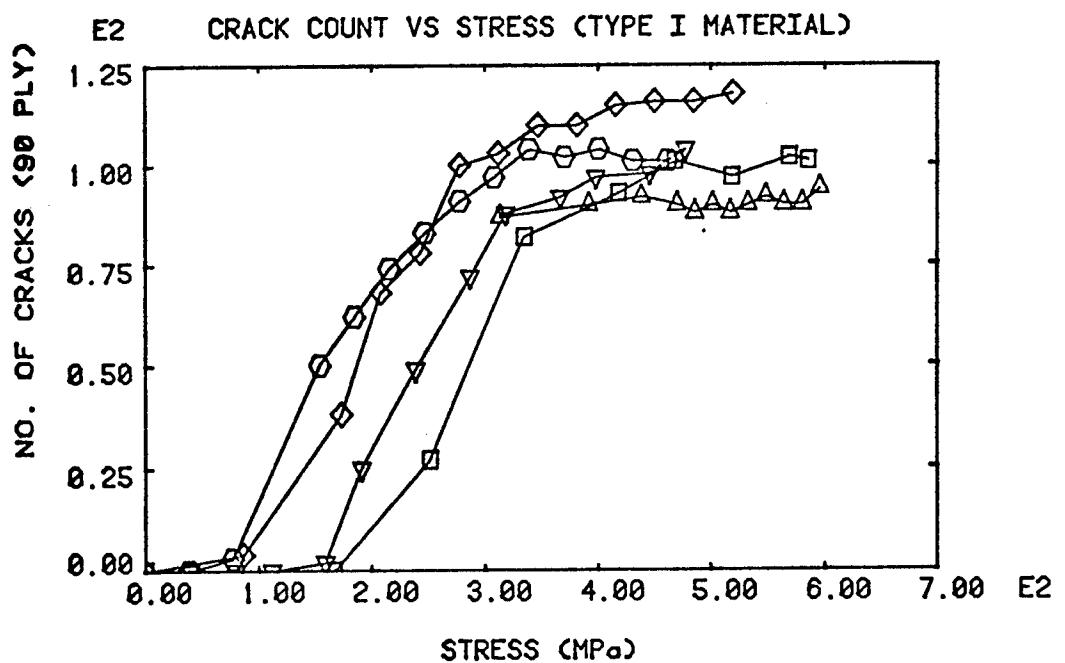
1. CRACKS APPEAR AT LEVELS OF LOAD AS LOW AS 1/3 OF ULTIMATE FRACTURE LOAD, CORRESPONDING TO THE LEVEL PREDICTED IF THERMAL RESIDUAL STRESSES ARE INCLUDED.
2. THE GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CRACKS IN THE WEAKEST PLY (FIRST PLY FAILURE) OCCURS OVER A RANGE OF STRESS BOUNDED ABOVE BY A STRESS LEVEL WHICH APPROXIMATELY CORRESPONDS TO THE "KNEE" IN THE LOAD-EXTENSION CURVE.
3. CRACKS DO PROPAGATE FROM ONE LAYER TO ANOTHER, AND ACROSS THE WIDTH OF PLATE SPECIMENS.
4. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE STRESS STATE AT THE EDGE AND INTERIOR OF THE LAMINATES IS REFLECTED IN DISTINCTIVE DAMAGE FEATURES SUCH AS EDGE DELAMINATION, ANGULAR CRACKING OF 45° PLIES AT THE EDGE, AND SOMEWHAT HIGHER CRACK DENSITIES IN THE INTERIOR IN SOME CASES.
5. INTERLAMINAR STRESSES DO INFLUENCE DAMAGE INITIATION, GROWTH AND INTERACTION, AS EVIDENCED BY A DEPENDENCE OF FAILURE STRENGTH AND DAMAGE MODES ON STACKING SEQUENCE.
6. THE STRENGTH OF THE  $[0^\circ, 90^\circ, \pm 45^\circ]_s$  LAMINATES IS SOMEWHAT GREATER THAN THE  $[0^\circ, \pm 45^\circ, 90^\circ]_s$  LAMINATES.

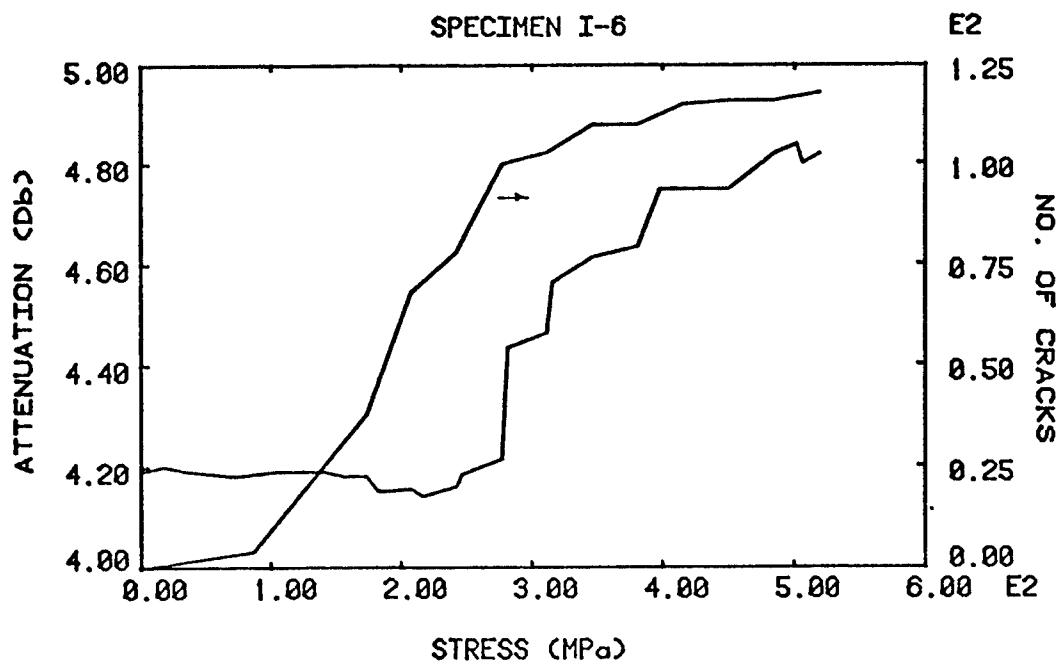
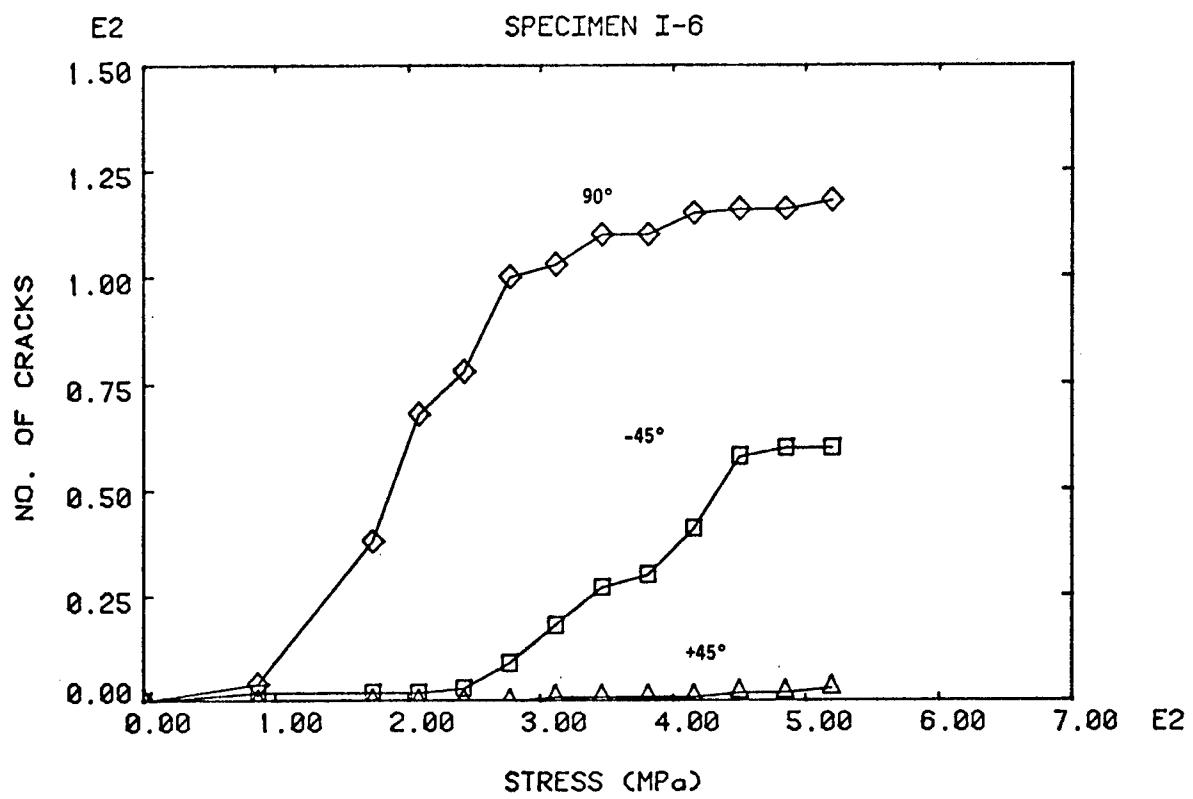
### CYCLIC LOADING

7. DAMAGE IN THESE LAMINATES CONSISTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUILIBRIUM SPACINGS OF CRACKS IN EACH PLY BY MEANS OF CRACK INITIATION AND GROWTH OVER A SIGNIFICANT LOAD RANGE OR NUMBER OF CYCLES OF LOAD APPLICATION. THESE EQUILIBRIUM SPACINGS CAN BE PREDICTED BY ANALYSIS.
8. INITIAL CRACKS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE OF ANY SPECIAL CONSEQUENCE.
9. CYCLED LOADING INCREASES THE DENSITY OF CRACKS IN A GIVEN PLY COMPARED TO A SINGLE APPLICATION OF LOAD TO THE SAME LEVEL. THE MODE OF FAILURE UNDER CYCLIC LOADING IS NOT IDENTICAL TO STATIC FAILURE MODES UNDER OTHERWISE IDENTICAL CONDITIONS.

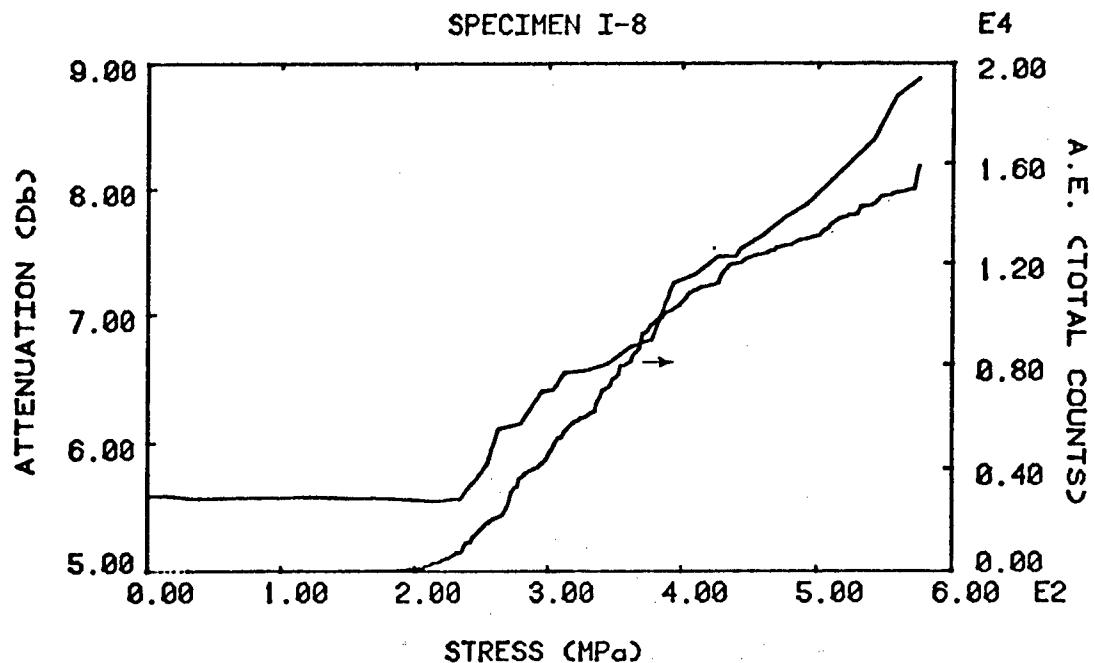
### NONDESTRUCTIVE INVESTIGATION

10. NONDESTRUCTIVE TEST METHODS SUCH AS STIFFNESS DETERMINATION, VIDEO-THERMOGRAPHY AND MEASUREMENT OF ULTRASONIC ATTENUATION ARE VERY USEFUL TECHNIQUES FOR THE DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION OF DAMAGE DEVELOPMENT.
11. CRACK FORMATION AND GROWTH IN THE INTERIOR OF A SPECIMEN CAN BE DETECTED BY NDT; ULTRASONIC METHODS APPEAR TO BE BEST SUITED FOR THE PURPOSE.

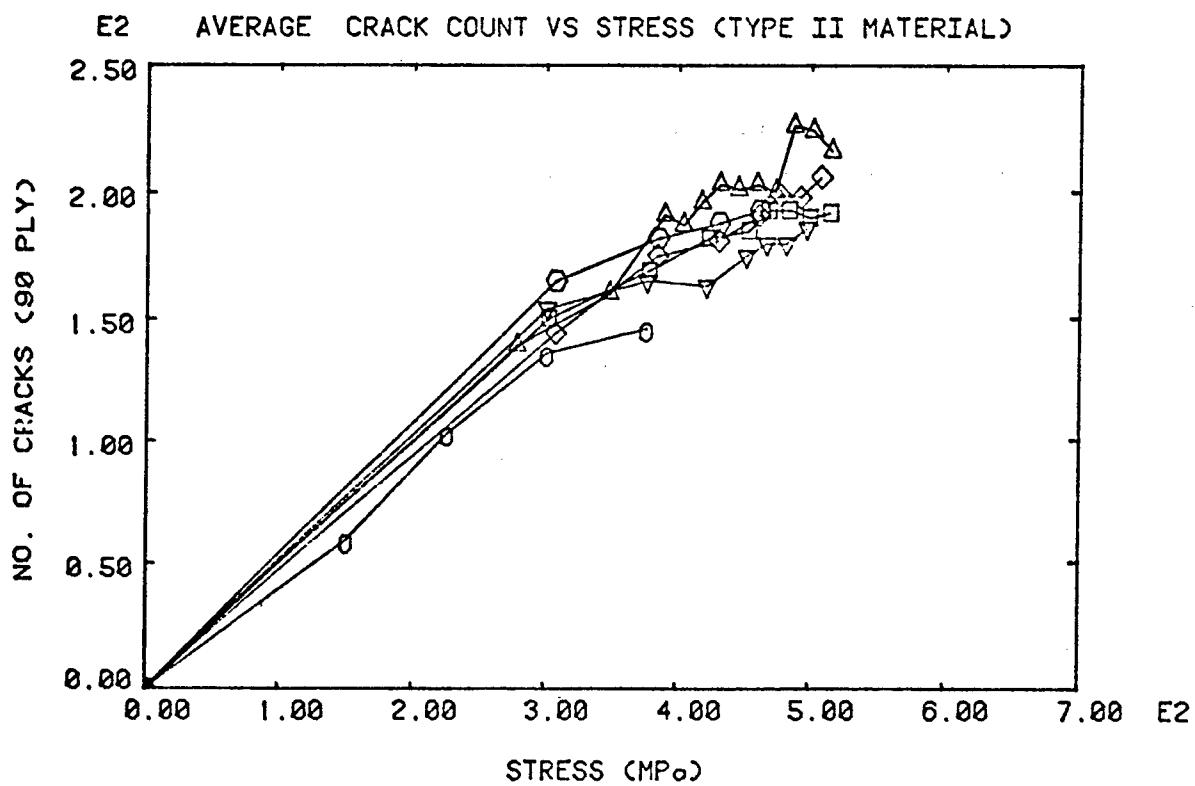


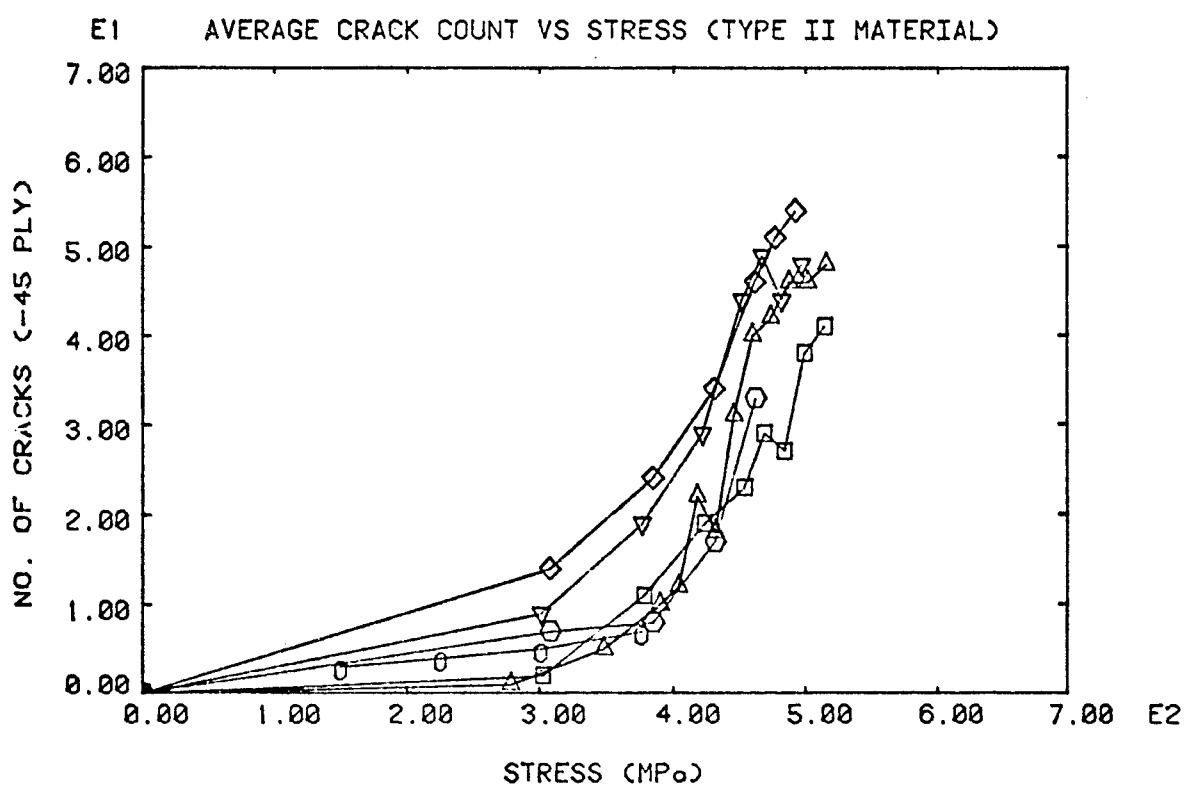
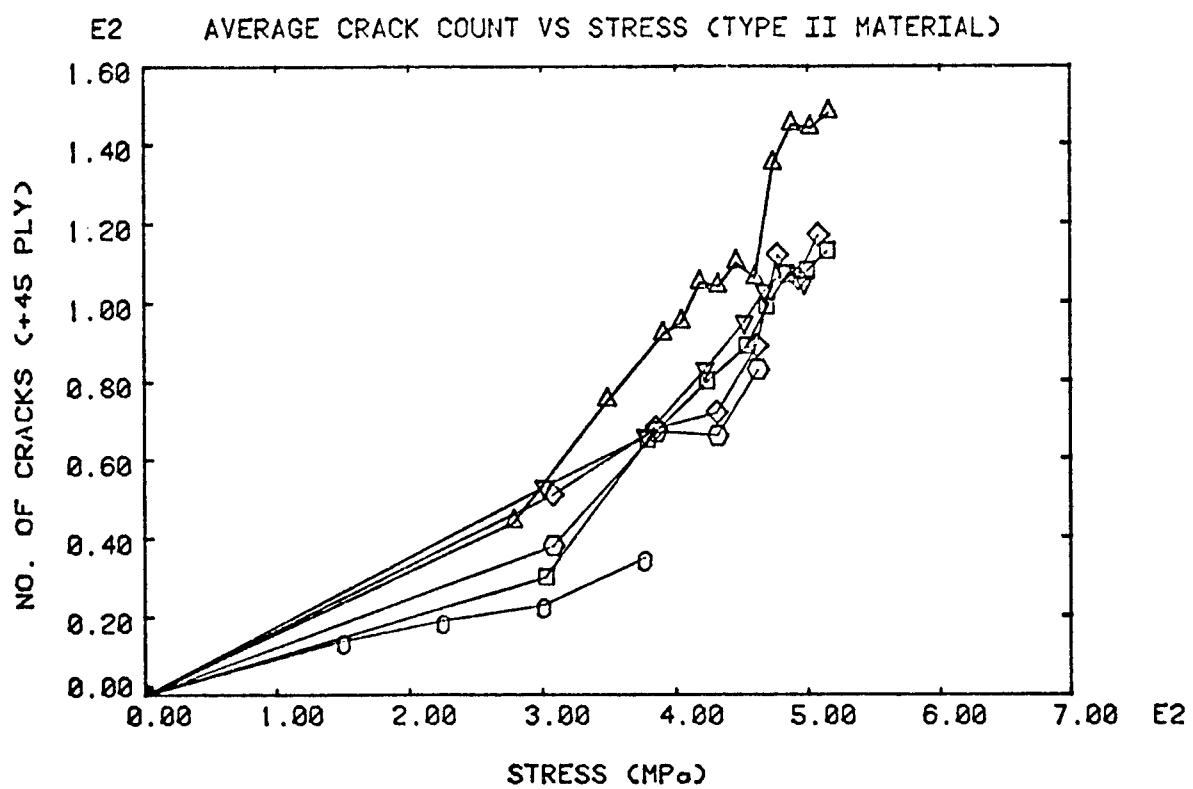


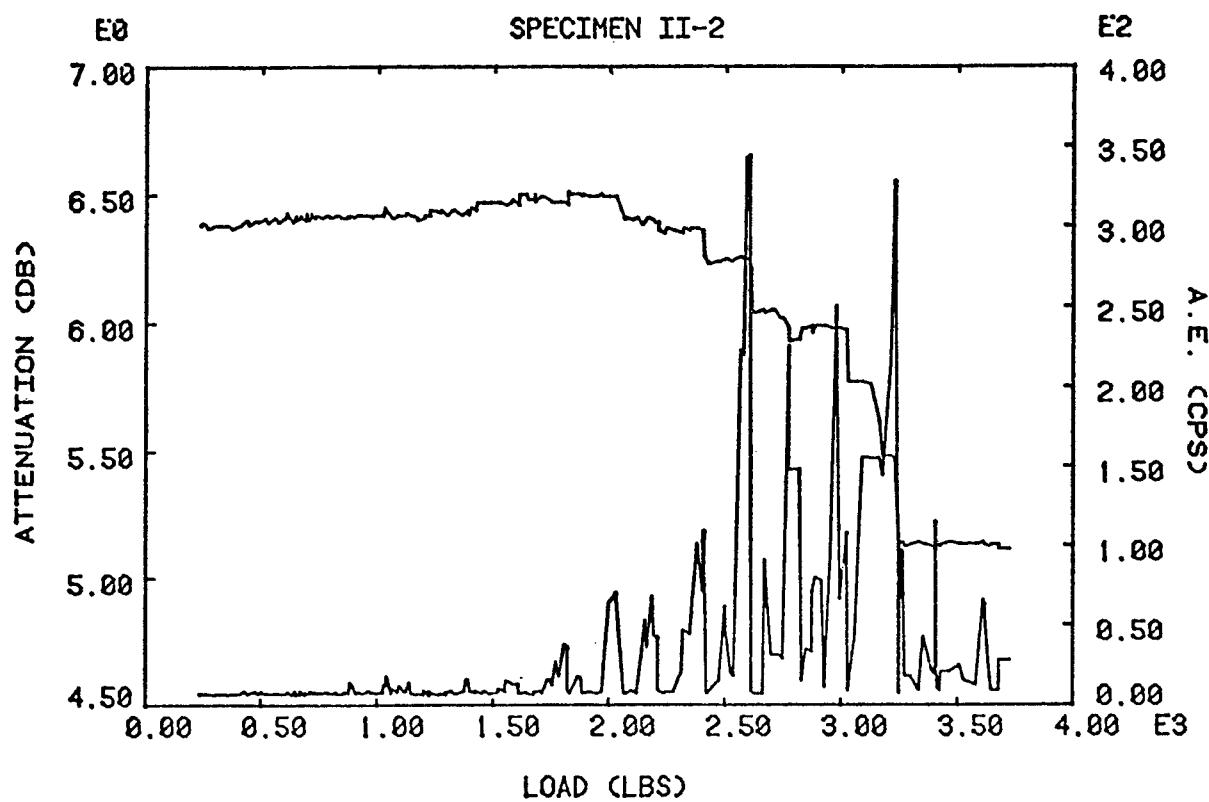
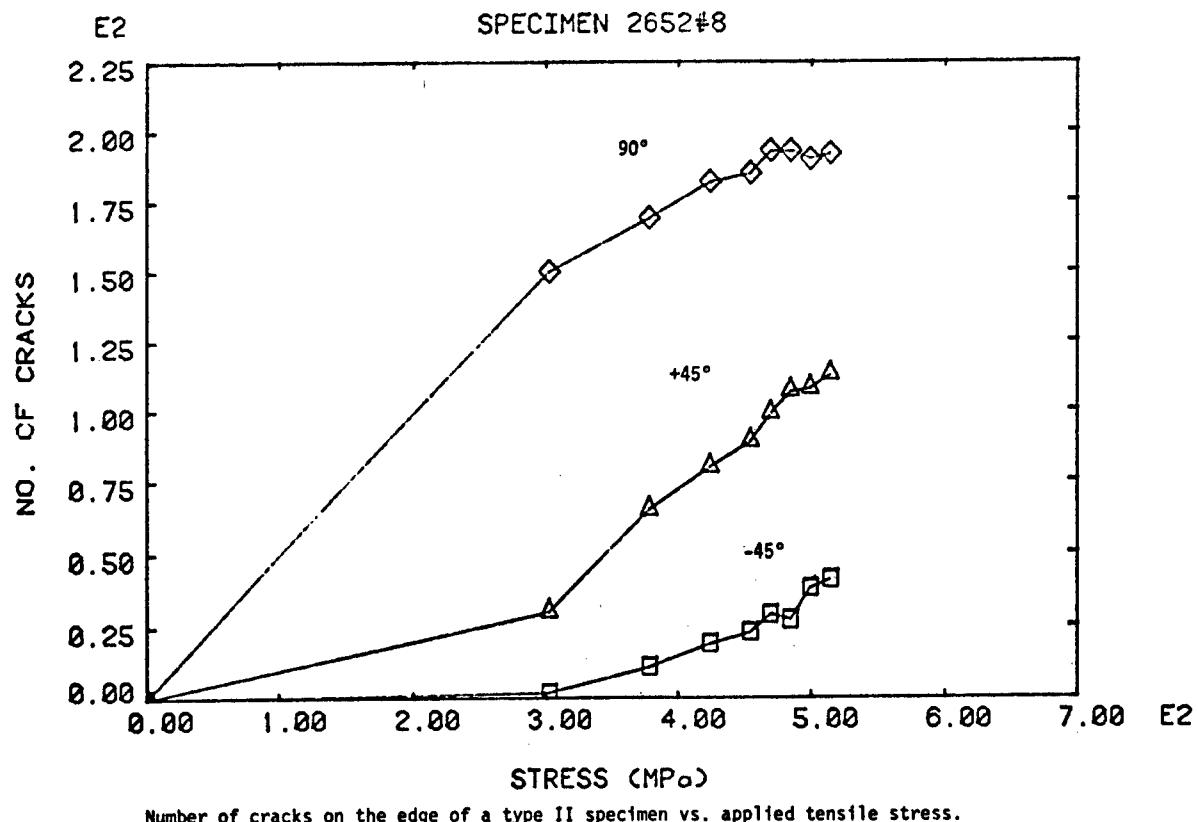
Attenuation change and number of cracks in 90° ply vs. applied tensile stress on a type I specimen.



Attenuation change and total acoustic emission counts vs. applied tensile stress on a type I specimen.







Attenuation change and acoustic emission count rate vs. applied tensile load on a type II specimen.

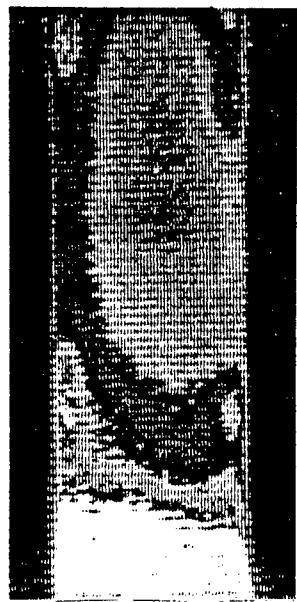


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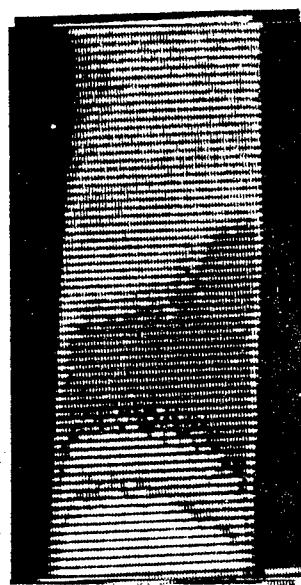
b) 50 Cycles

c) 10 000 Cycles

Edge damage history in a Type I specimen a  $\sigma_{\max} = 42$  ksi.



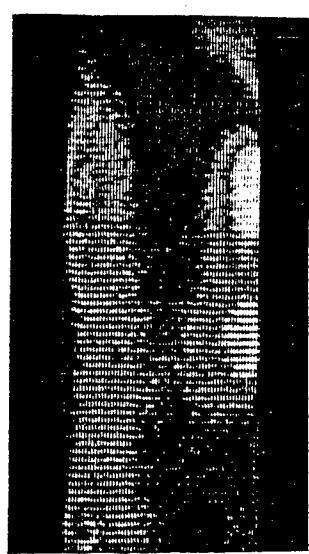
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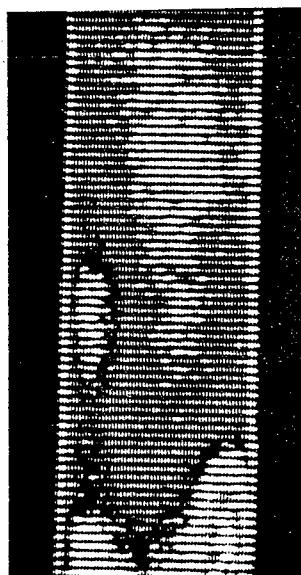
b) 42 ksi,  $N=1$  cyc



c) 42 ksi,  $N=10^4$  cyc



d) 57 ksi,  $N=1$  cyc



e) 57 ksi,  $N=500$  cyc



f) 57 ksi,  $N=500$  cyc



Vibrothermographs of Type I specimens.

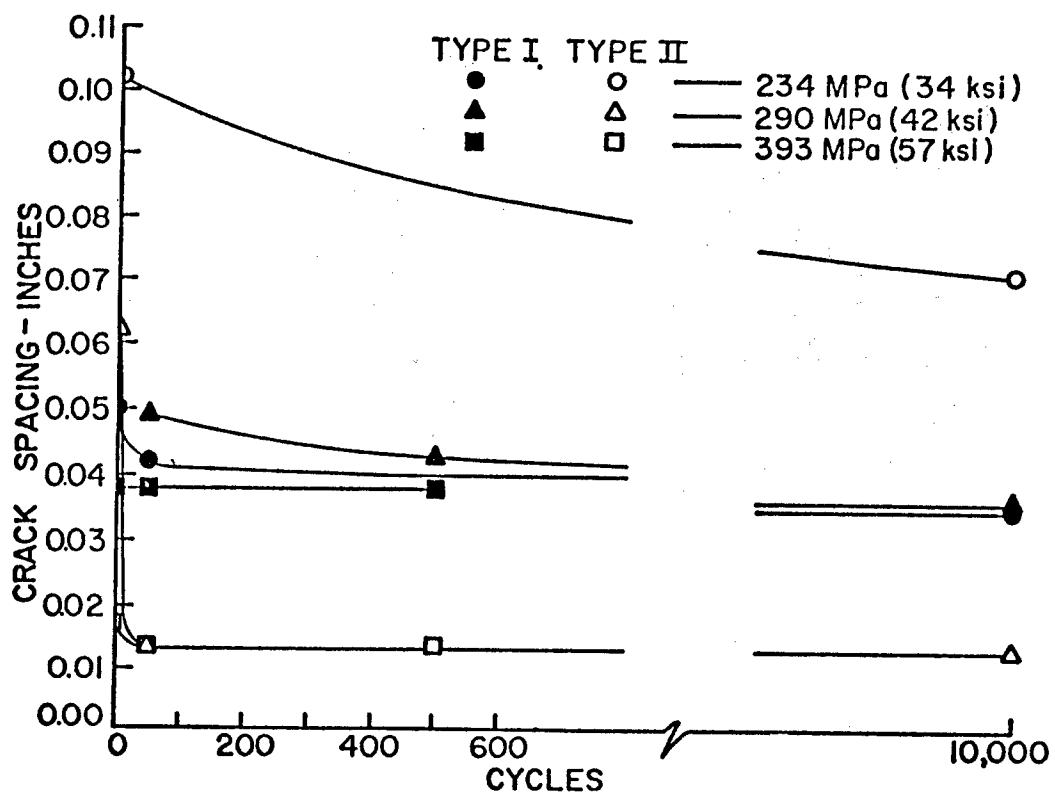


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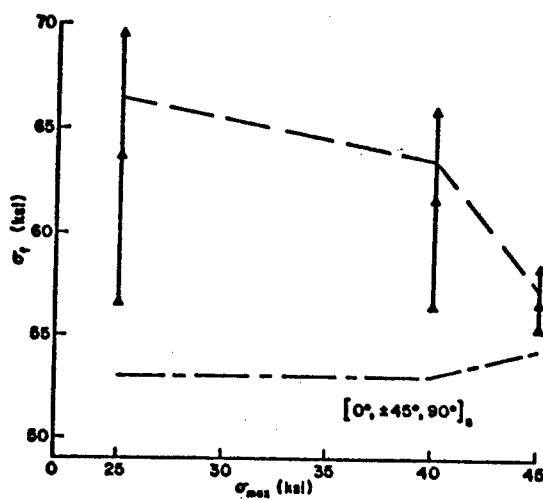
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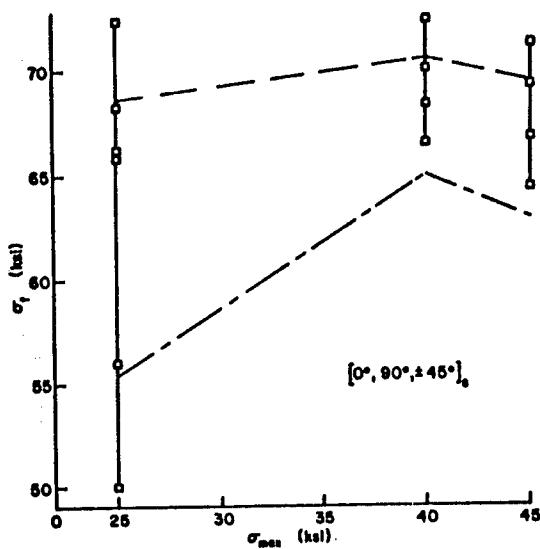
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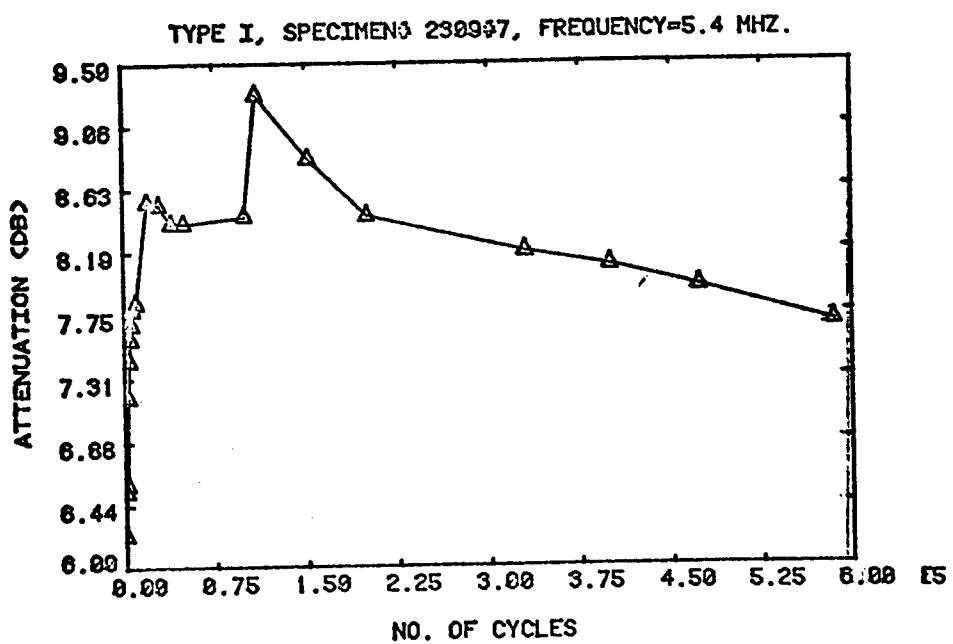
Spacing of transverse cracks in the 90° plies of Type I and Type II specimens for several load histories.



Residual strength of type I specimens after one million cycles at the indicated stress levels



Residual strength of type II specimens after one million cycles at the indicated stress levels



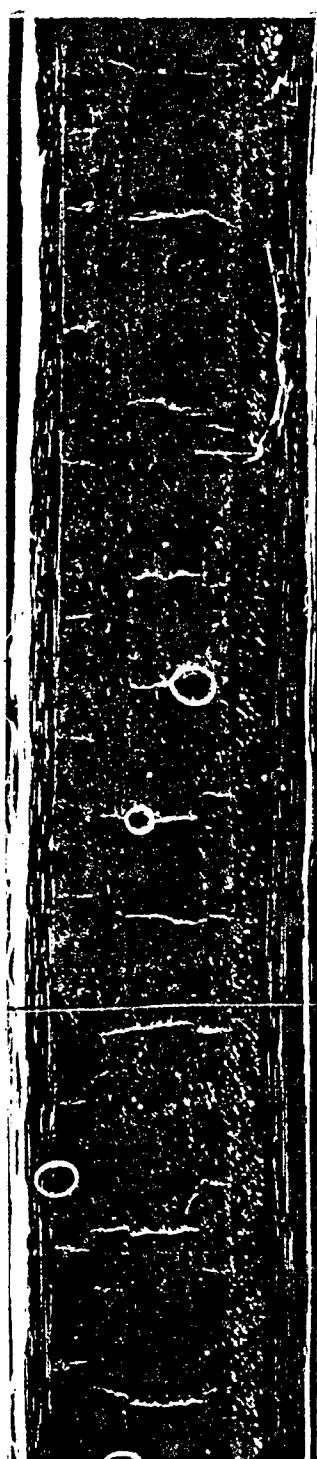
No. of cycles vs. attenuation for cyclic-tension-tension test for type I specimen (2309#7 at 40 ksi).

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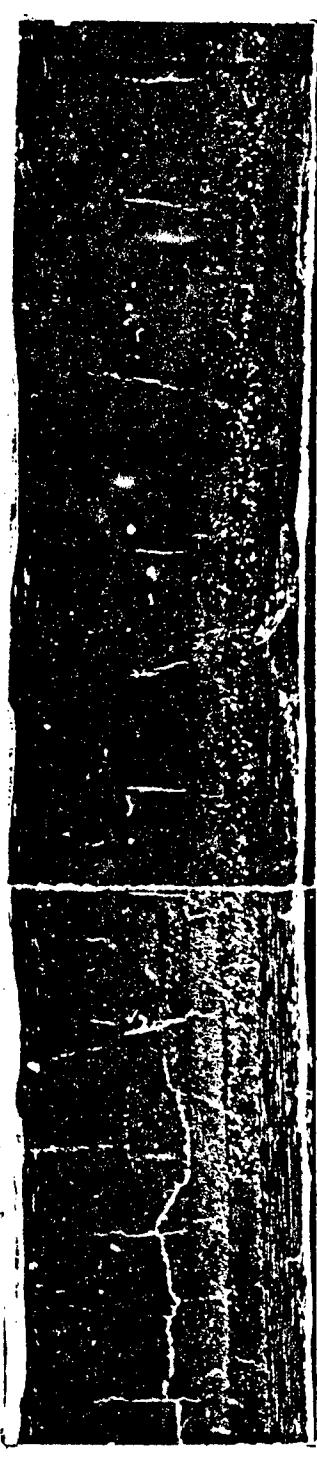
a) 0.372"

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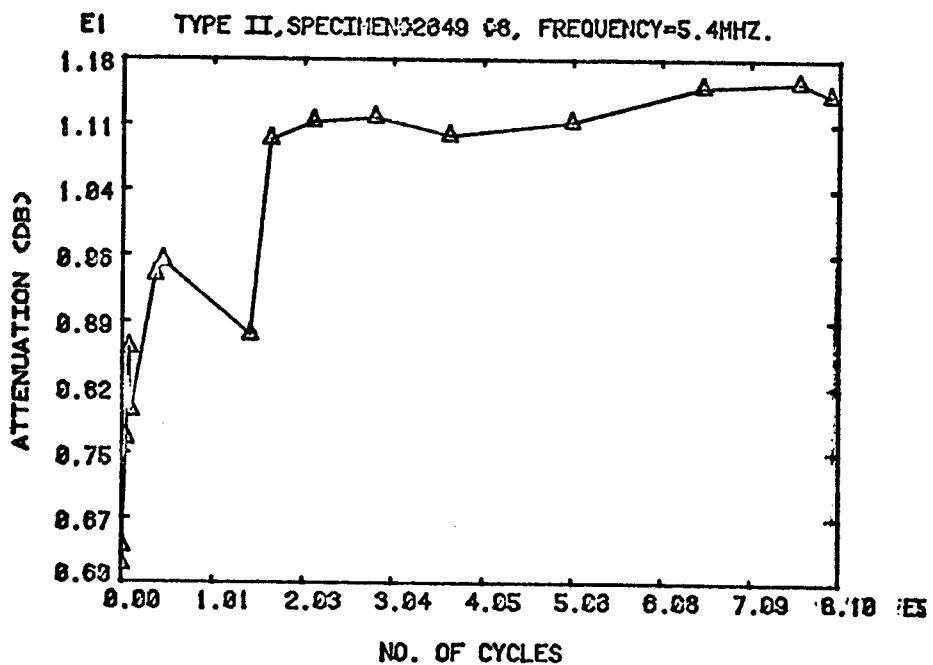
b) 0.325"

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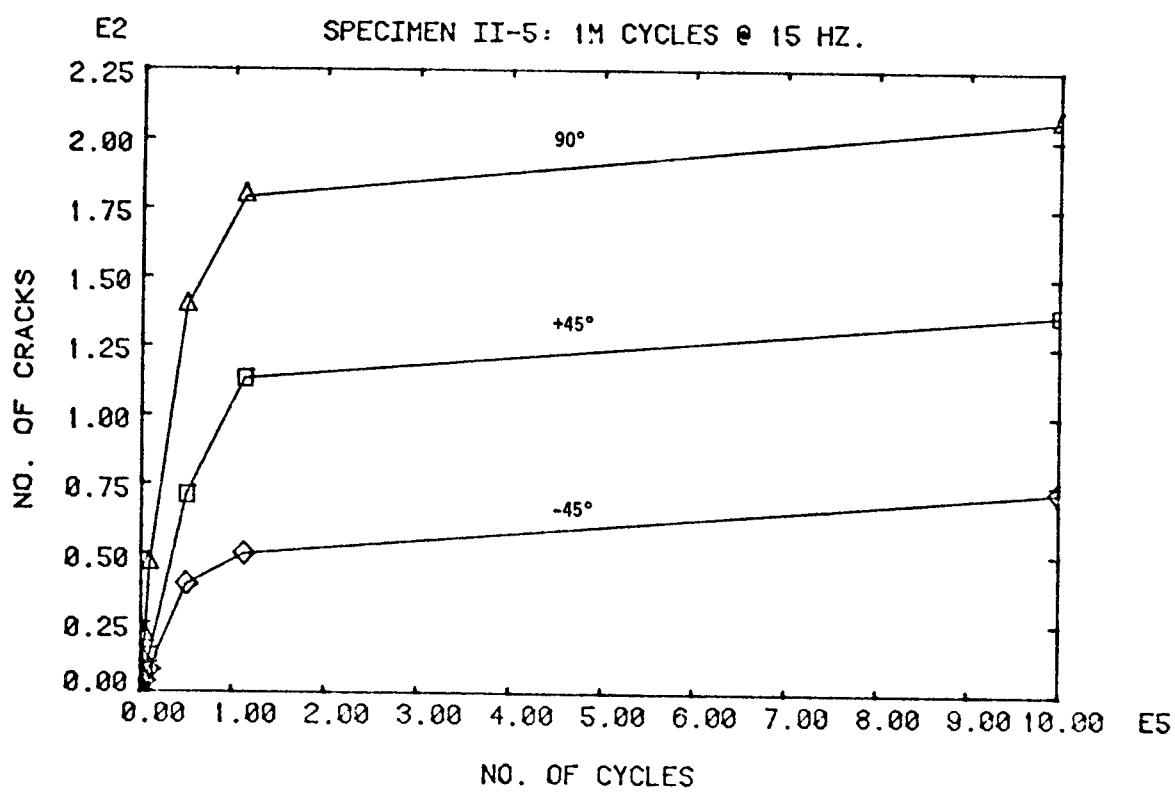


c) 0.186"

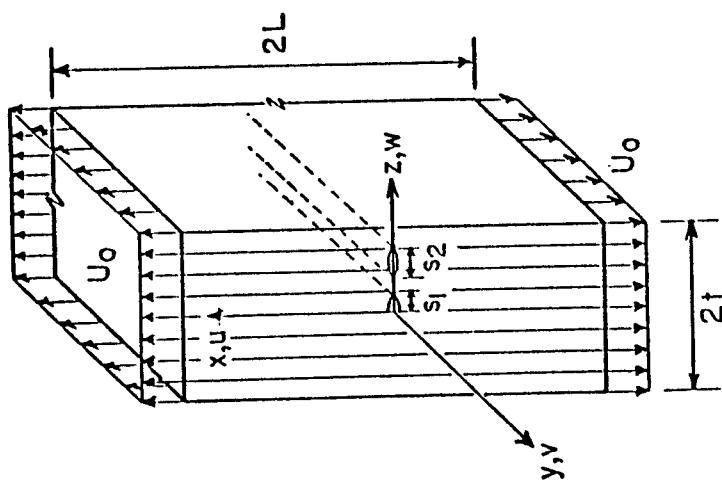
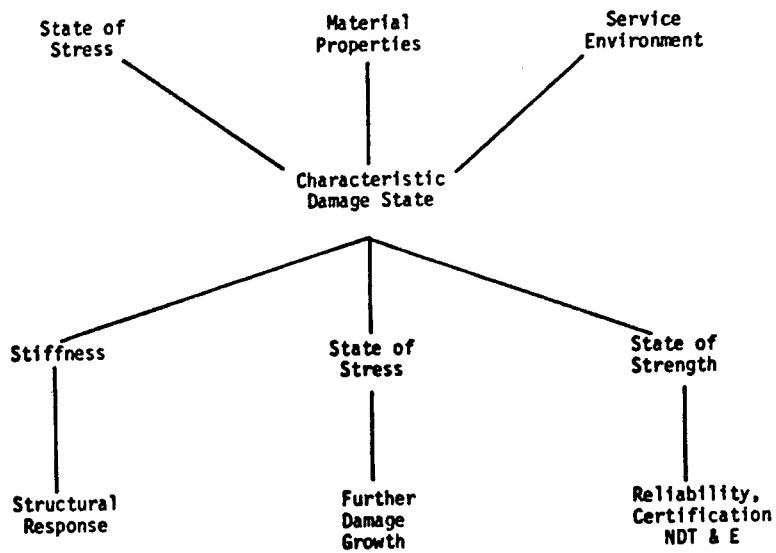
Damage in the interior of the specimen (2309#7, 40 ksi, 1M cycles) at  $x = 0.372, 0.325$  and  $0.186"$  from the outer edge.



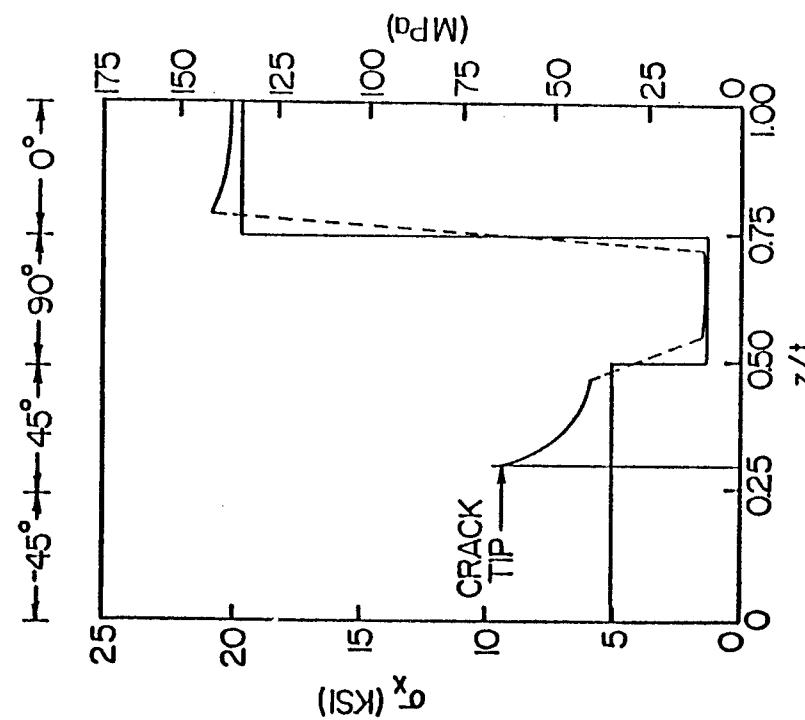
No. of cycles vs. attenuation for cyclic-tension-tension test for type II specimen (2649#8, 40 ksi).



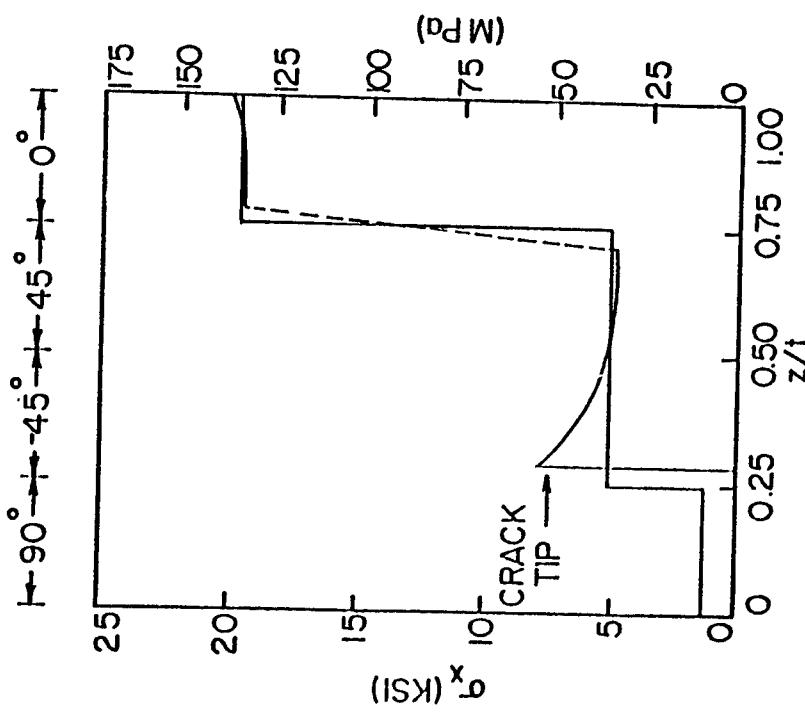
Number of cracks along the edge of a type II specimen cycled at a maximum stress of 40 ksi.



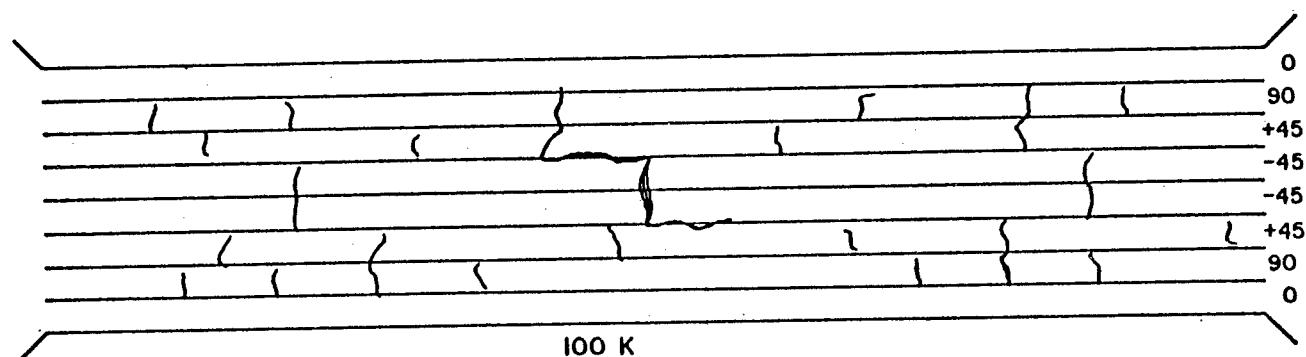
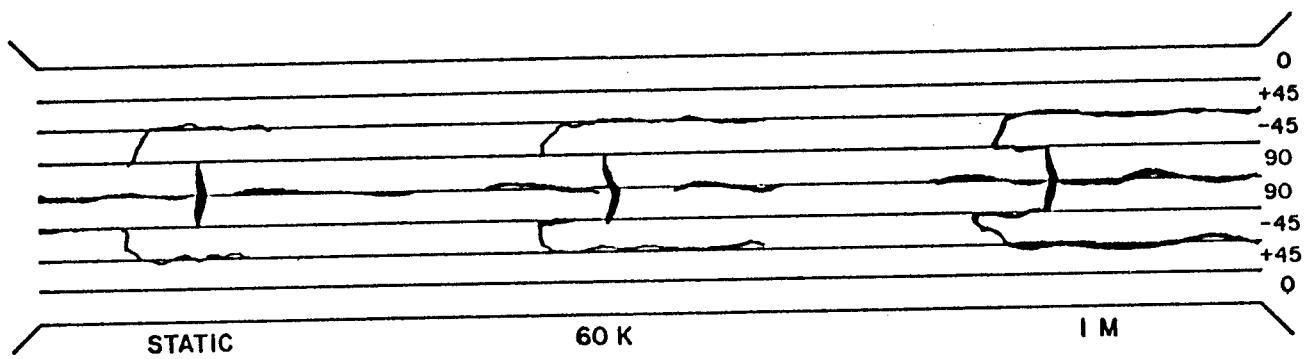
Schematic diagram of geometry of cracked laminate analyzed



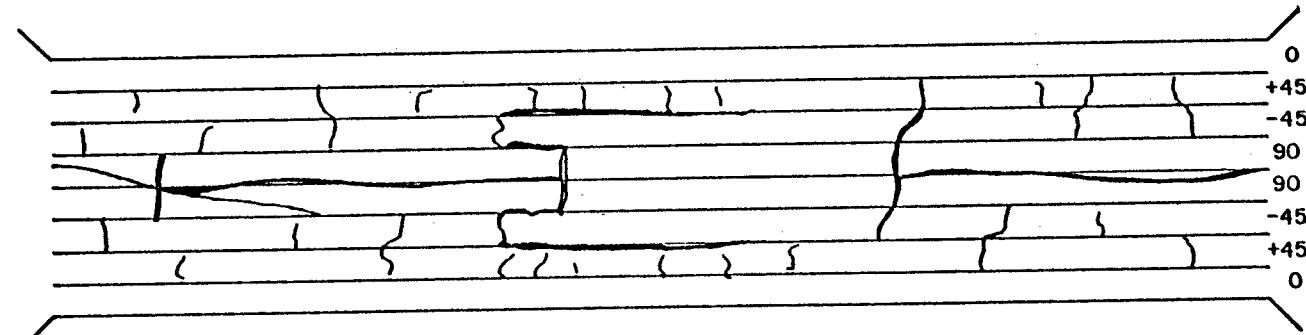
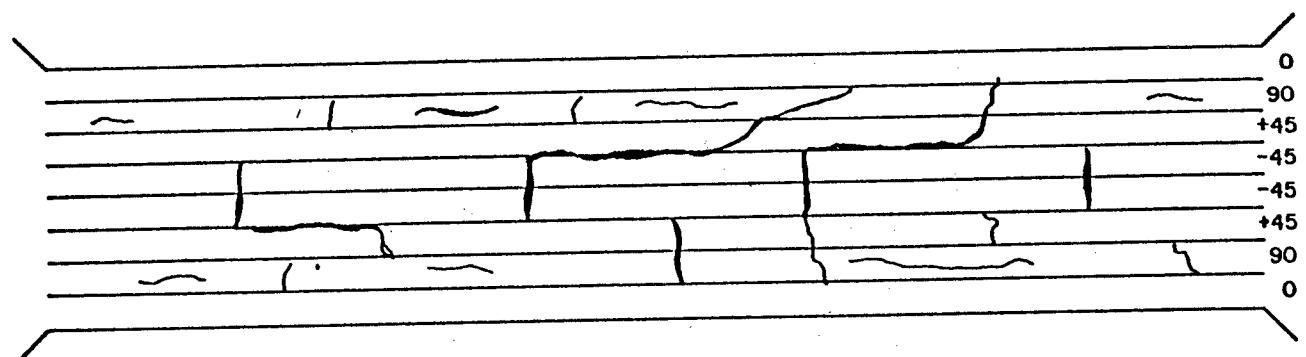
Distribution of axial normal stress  
as a function of the thickness position  
for a type II laminate



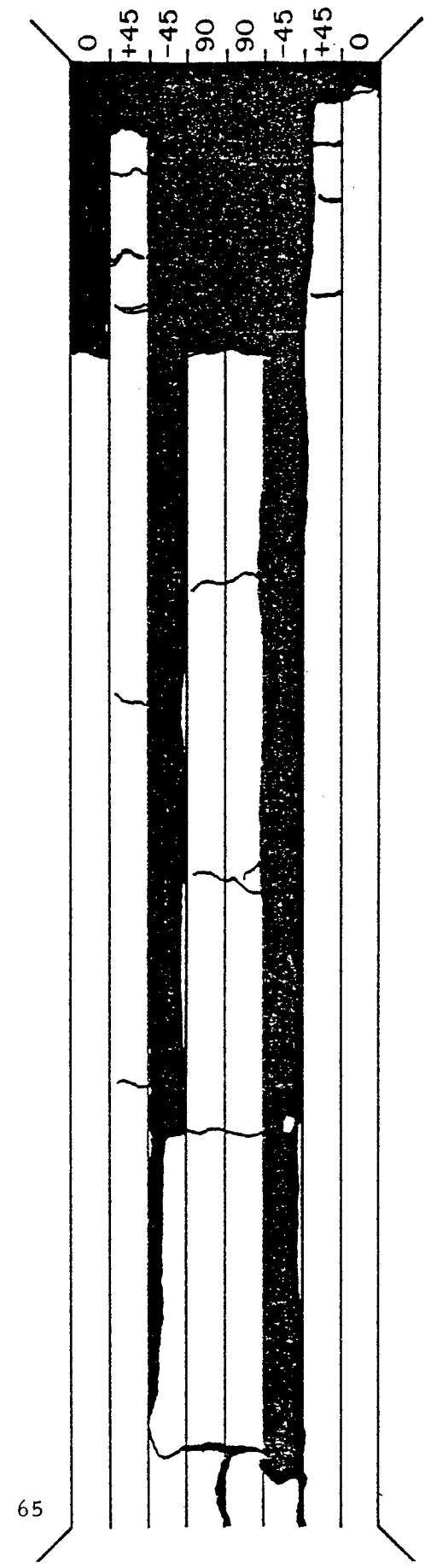
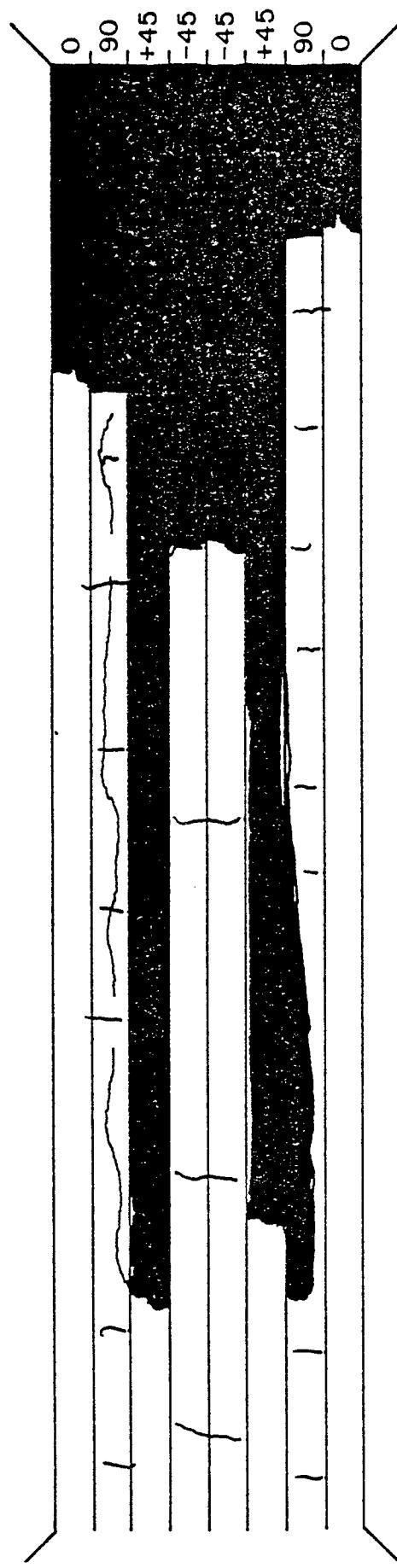
Distribution of axial normal stress as a  
function of the thickness position for a  
type I laminate



Damage patterns in the region of fracture for a Type I and Type II laminate, at moderate cyclic stress levels



PRE-FRACTURE PATTERNS NEAR FRACTURE SITE



FRACTURE PATTERNS

## SUMMARY OF COMPLETED ACTIVITY

1. THE PRECISE NATURE OF "FIRST PLY FAILURE" HAS BEEN DETERMINED.
2. THE EFFECT OF THERMAL RESIDUAL STRESS ON "FIRST PLY FAILURE" HAS BEEN PREDICTED AND DEMONSTRATED.
3. A CHARACTERISTIC DAMAGE STATE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND PREDICTED ANALYTICALLY.
4. AN EFFECT OF STACKING SEQUENCE ON THE INTERNAL STRESS DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE DAMAGED CONDITION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.
  
5. AN EXTENSIVE RECORD OF INTERNAL DAMAGE, RESIDUAL STRENGTH, AND LIFE AS A FUNCTION OF LOAD HISTORY HAS BEEN COLLECTED.
6. A ONE DIMENSIONAL CLOSED FORM SOLUTION AND A THREE DIMENSIONAL FINITE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION FOR STRESSES AROUND INTERNAL DAMAGE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
7. THE DEPENDENCE OF THE FINAL FRACTURE PROCESS ON STACKING SEQUENCE HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED.
  
8. THE EFFECT OF INITIAL DEFECTS HAS BEEN STUDIED.
9. SEVERAL DAMAGE MECHANISMS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.
10. A NEW ULTRASONIC TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL DAMAGE.
11. A NEW VIDEO-THERMOGRAPHY TECHNIQUE CALLED VIBROTHERMOGRAPHY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THE DETECTION AND ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX DAMAGE IN COMPOSITE MATERIALS.
12. THE TECHNIQUE OF REPLICATION HAS BEEN ADAPTED TO COMPOSITE MATERIALS ENABLING PERMANENT RECORDS OF SURFACE DAMAGE DETAIL TO BE QUICKLY RECORDED TO FACILITATE DAMAGE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES.
13. CLOSED CIRCUIT COLOR TELEVISION (VIDEO) RECORDINGS OF TEN-COLOR ISOTHERM VIDEO-THERMOGRAPHY PATTERNS HAVE BEEN USED TO INVESTIGATE THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF FRACTURE EVENTS, TO IDENTIFY THE POINT OF FRACTURE INITIATION AND THE NATURE OF THE ENERGY RELEASE DURING THE FRACTURE EVENT, FOR EXAMPLE.

## CHARACTERIZATION OF FATIGUE DAMAGE

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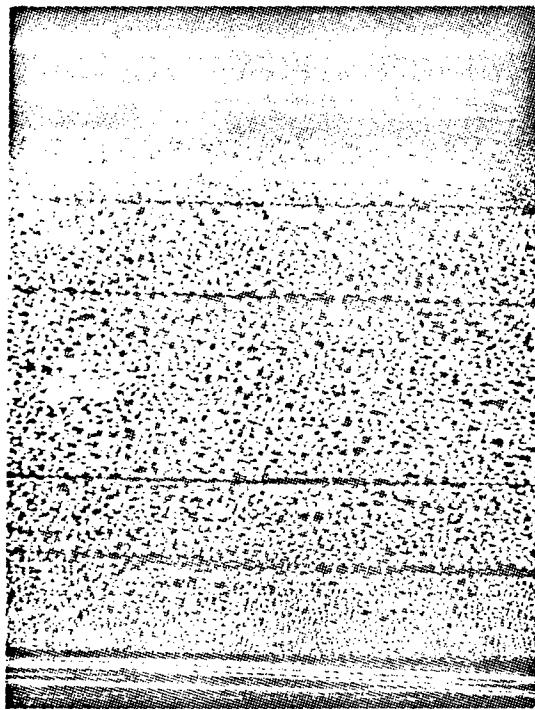
### OBJECTIVE:

TO CHARACTERIZE FATIGUE DAMAGE OF COMPOSITE LAMINATES  
UNDER CYCLIC LOADINGS AND ESTABLISH A SUITABLE WORKING  
FORMULA FOR PREDICTION OF FATIGUE LIFE.

- CRACK DENSITY
- MODULUS CHANGE
- RESIDUAL STRENGTH
- ACOUSTIC EMISSION
- DENSITY

### SUMMARY:

- MOST OF TRANSVERSE CRACKS DEVELOPED IN EARLY FATIGUE CYCLE AND THEREAFTER MOST OF FATIGUE CYCLES APPEAR TO BE SPENT FOR DELAMINATION.
- STRONG INDICATION OF CORRELATION BETWEEN CRACK DENSITY AND FATIGUE LIFE, AND CRACK DENSITY APPROACHES TO A CONSTANT VALUE AT NEAR THE END OF FATIGUE LIFE.
- LINEAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MODULUS RATIO,  $E_n/E_o$ , AND FATIGUE LIFE EXCEPT AT EARLY FATIGUE CYCLE. THE RATIO OF  $E_n$  AND  $E_o$  DECREASED AS  $S_{max}$  DECREASED.



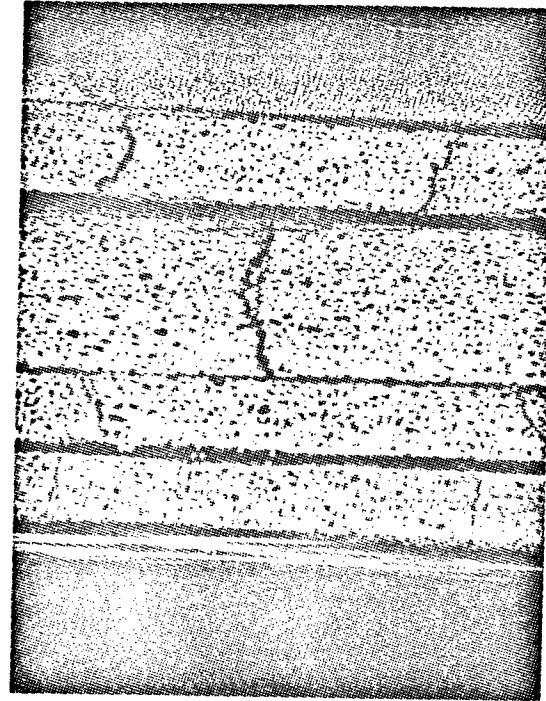
Before fatigue



100,000 cycle

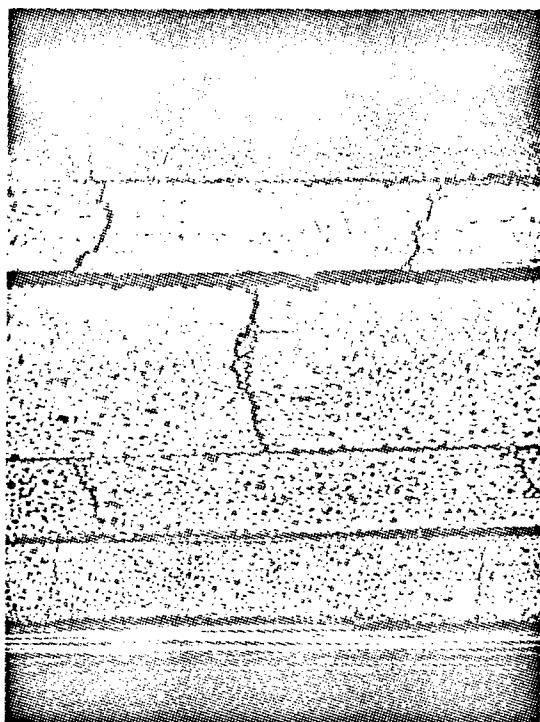


150,000 cycle



200,000 cycle

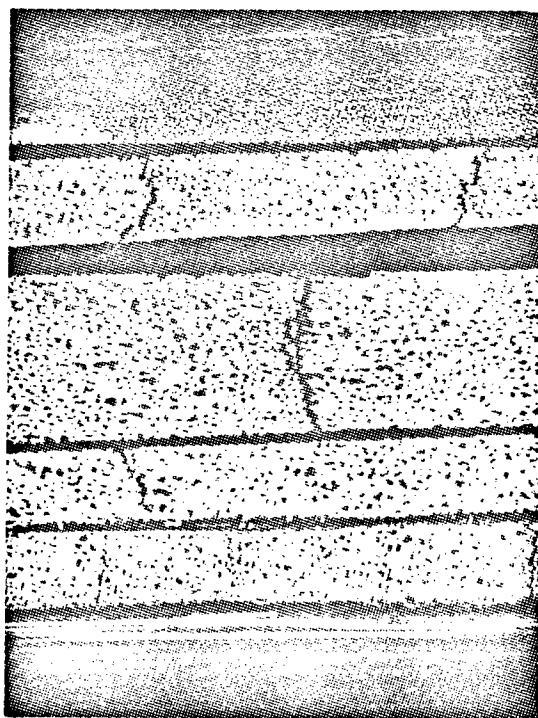
Figure 1. Phomicrographs showing fatigue damage: graphite/epoxy T300/5208  
[0/90±45]<sub>s</sub>, S<sub>max</sub> = 50Ksi, 10Hz, R = 0.1



250,000 cycle



350,000 cycle



450,000 cycle

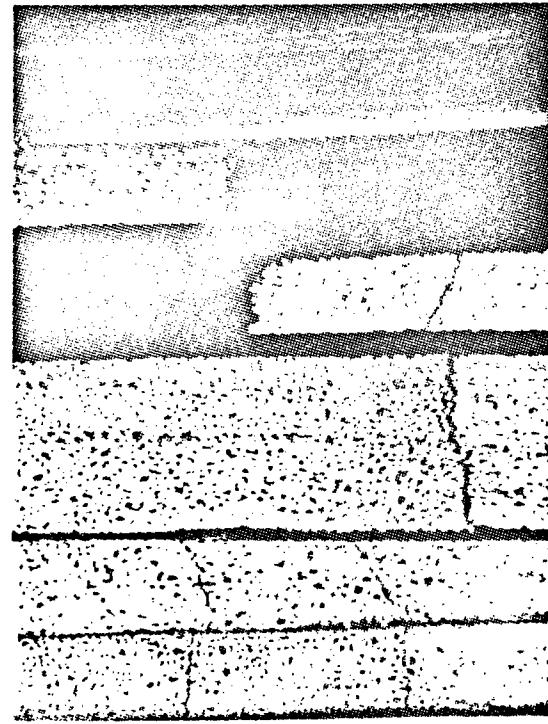


550,000 cycle

Figure 1 (Continued)  
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650,000 cycle



650,000 cycle  
(50 mil from spot #1)

Figure 1 (Continued)

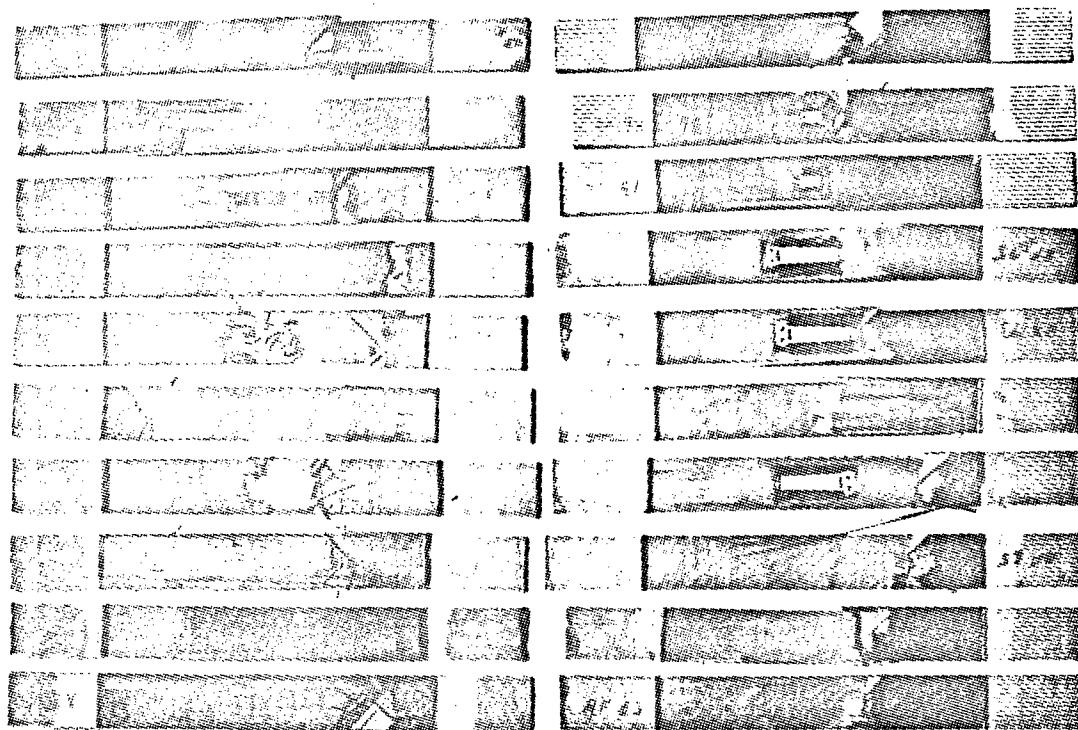


Figure 2. Fatigue failure modes of graphite/epoxy T300/5208  
[0/90/ $\pm 45$ ]<sub>s</sub>,  $S_{max} = 50$  ksi, 10 Hz,  $R = 0.1$



Figure 3. Fatigue failure modes of graphite/epoxy T300/5208  
[0/90/ $\pm 45$ ]<sub>s</sub>,  $S_{max} = 60$  ksi, 10 Hz,  $R = 0.1$

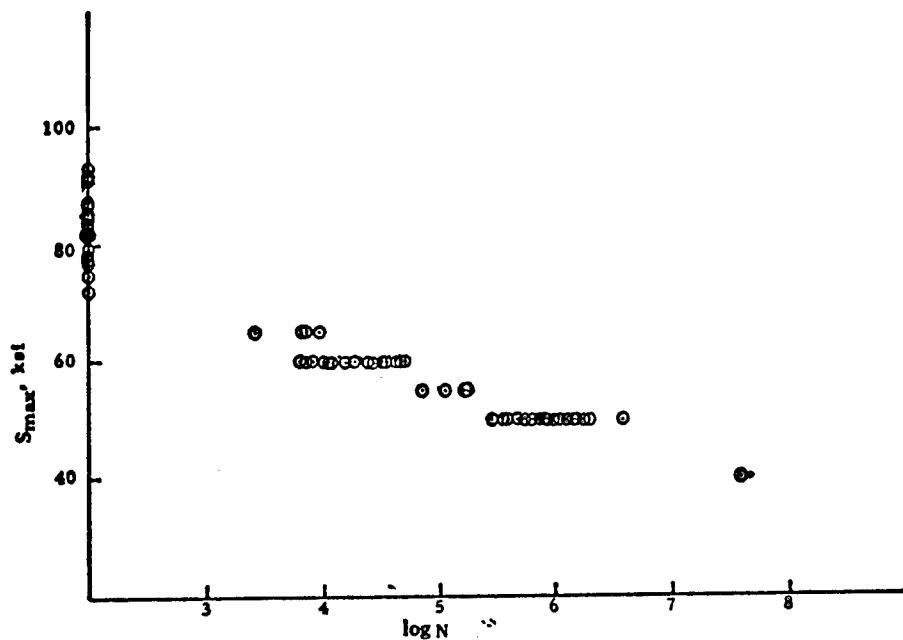


Figure 4. S-N relationships for graphite/epoxy T300/5208  
 $[0/90/\pm 45]_s$ , 10Hz,  $R = 0.1$

Specimen	$\sigma_{\max}$ , ksi	Life, cycle
RF - 82	50	793,840
RF - 81	50	704,870
RF - 83	60	37,560
RF - 85	60	52,360
RF - 86	60	23,090
RF - 87	60	24,570
RF - 84	40	60,000,000 (Estimated)

PANEL 2

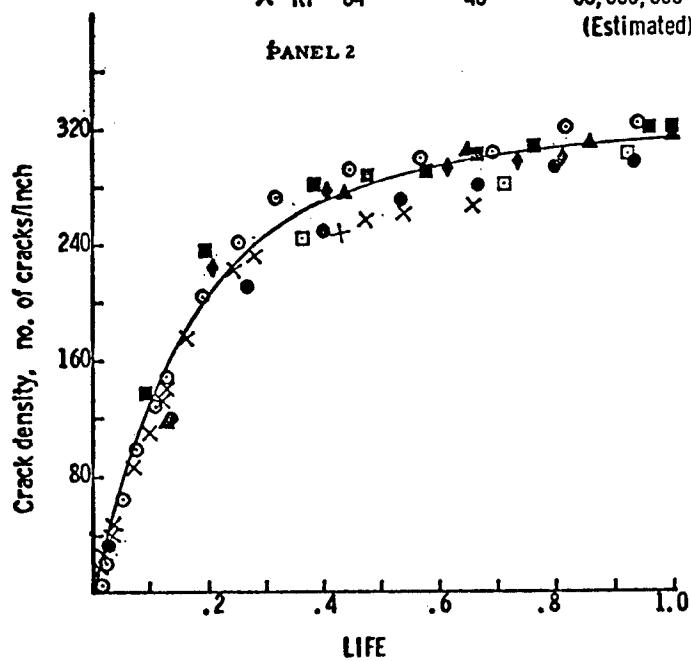


Figure 5. Crack density vs. fatigue life for Graphite/Epoxy  
 $[0/90/\pm 45]_s$

SPECIMEN	max, ksi	Life, cycle
▲ RF-122	65	9,400
▲ RF-130	65	7,000
▲ RF-89	60	29,960
▲ RF-90	60	38,560
○ RF-105	60	22,400
○ RF-119	55	169,480
□ RF-125	55	71,050
× RF-102	50	943,300

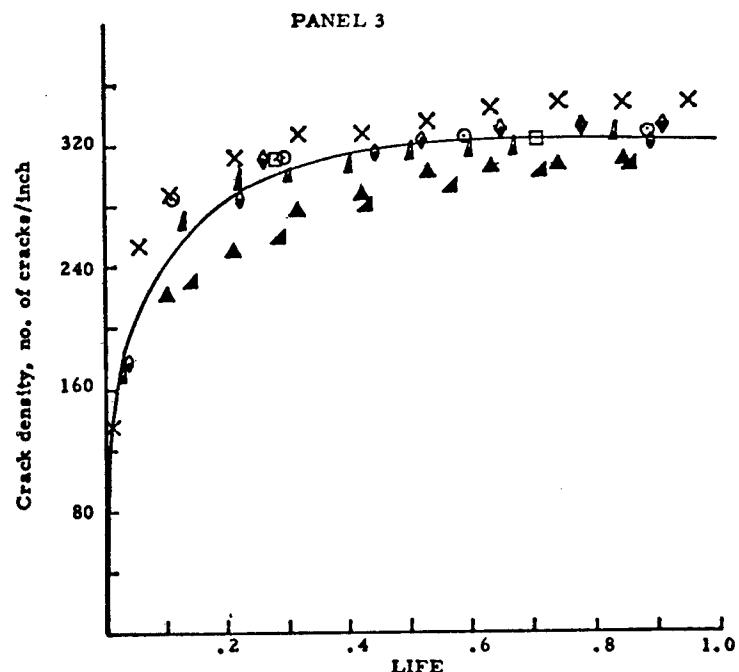


Figure 6. Crack density vs fatigue life for graphite/epoxy  
T300/5208, [0/90/±45]<sub>s</sub>

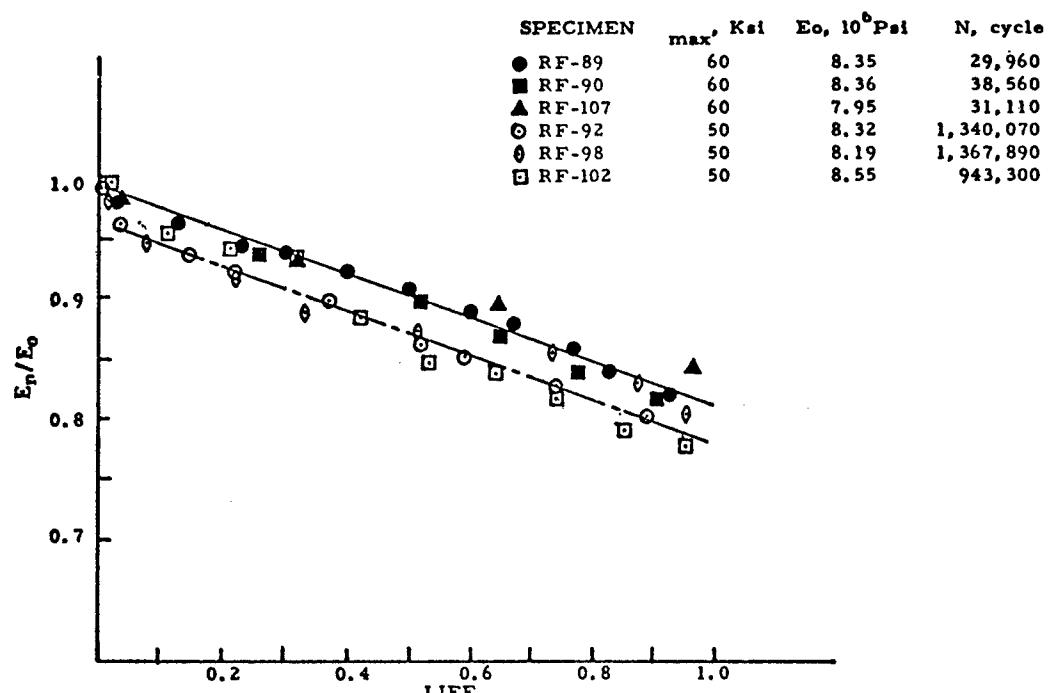


Figure 7. Modulus change vs fatigue life for graphite/epoxy  
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TORSION TEST TO DETERMINE  
TRANSVERSE SHEAR MODULUS,  $G_{23}$

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OBJECTIVE

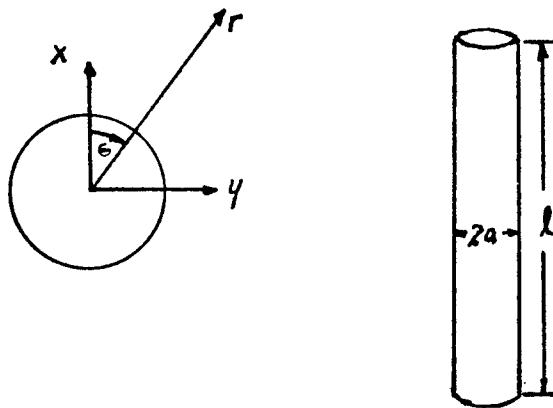
DEVELOP AN EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH FOR DETERMINING  
TRANSVERSE SHEAR MODULUS,  $G_{23}$

APPROACH

- SOLVE FOR  $G_{23}$ , IN TERMS OF EXPERIMENTALLY OBTAINABLE QUANTITIES
- DEVELOP TEST TO OBTAIN REQUIRED VALUES
- VALIDATE OBTAIN MODULUS

CONCLUSIONS

- PRELIMINARY TESTING INDICATES GOOD AGREEMENT WITH PUBLISHED DATA
- STRAIN GAGE SIZE AND ALIGNMENT MUST BE FURTHER ANALYZED
- EFFECT OF VARIATIONS IN GRIP GEOMETRY MUST BE STUDIED



Applying B.C. for pure torsion and orthotropic material properties the Generalized Nooke's law reduces:

$$r_{xz} = G_{12} \gamma_{xz} \quad (1)$$

$$r_{yz} = G_{23} \gamma_{yz}$$

From elastic solution

$$r_{xz} = -\frac{T}{J} y \quad (2)$$

$$r_{yz} = \frac{T_x}{J}$$

$$(J = \frac{\pi}{2} a^2)$$

Combining (1) & (2)

$$G_{12} = \left( -\frac{T}{J} y \right) \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_{yz}} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$G_{23} = \left( \frac{T_x}{J} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_{yz}} \right)$$

Expressing (1, 2, 3) in cylindrical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} r_{rz} &= 0, \quad r_{z\theta} = \frac{Tr}{J} \\ \gamma_{z\theta} &= \frac{Tr}{J} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{G_{12}} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{G_{23}} \right) \quad (4) \\ \gamma_{rz} &= \frac{Tr}{J} \left( \frac{1}{G_{23}} - \frac{1}{G_{12}} \right) \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $G_{23}$  and  $G_{12}$  are known if  $T$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\gamma_{z\theta}$ ,  $\gamma_{rz}$  are known.

Strain-displacement relations yield

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \alpha yz + C_1 y + C_2 z + C_3 \\v &= \alpha xz - C_1 x + C_4 z + C_5 \\w &= Qxy - C_2 x - C_4 y + C_6 \\&\alpha = \frac{T}{2J} \left( \frac{1}{G_{23}} + \frac{1}{G_{12}} \right) \\Q &= \frac{T}{2J} \left( \frac{1}{G_{23}} - \frac{1}{G_{12}} \right)\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

$C_1, \dots, C_6$  are rigid motion constants and vanish

$$\begin{aligned}u &= -\alpha yz \\v &= \alpha xz \\w &= Qxy\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

expressing in cylindrical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}u_r &= 0 \\u_\theta &= \alpha r z \\w &= Qr^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

Aligning fibers to X axis

at  $r = a, z = 0, \theta = 0, \pi/2, \pi, 3/2\pi$

$$u_r = 0$$

$$u_\theta = 0$$

$$w = 0$$

at  $r = a, \theta = 0, \pi/2, \pi, 3/2\pi, z = 1$

$$u_r = 0$$

$$u_\theta = \alpha a l$$

$$w = 0$$

Therefore if load is introduced at these 8 points the assumed strain distribution will be present in the test specimen.

# STATISTICAL FAILURE ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS

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## OBJECTIVES

### 1. Residual Strength in Fatigue

— to establish strength degradation, or strengthening, models based on experimental data, and statistical methods.

### 2 Proof-tests — to investigate the relationship between static strength and fatigue life; guaranteed strength and life after proof-testing.

### 3. Development of Statistical Tools for Composite Failure Applications

- Censoring in Fatigue Tests
- Modified 3-parameter Weibull Distribution
- Bi-linear Weibull Distribution

## CONCLUSIONS

1. An equation of the residual strength as a function of fatigue cycles is found. This equation can be fitted to experimental data that show either monotonic degradation of residual strength, or an early increase, then decrease of residual strength.
2. For the uni-directional graphite/epoxy composite tested here, the strength - life equal rank assumption seems to hold. Proof-testing can guarantee a minimum static strength; with slightly less degree of confidence, it can also guarantee fatigue life.
3. Certain statistical tools are recommended for the study of failure of composites. These include:
  - Censoring in fatigue test, which can yield the same amount of information with less tests.
  - A modified 3-parameter Weibull distribution that is most suited for reduced higher-percentile population and residual strength.
  - Bi-linear 2-parameter Weibull distribution fits best some fatigue data.

## Degradation of Strength Equation for Individual Specimen

### (1) Hahn - Yang Model

$$y = x - f(S) n$$

$$x = (\text{static strength})^{\alpha}, \quad n = (\text{no. of cycles})^{\alpha_1}$$
$$y = (\text{residual strength}), \quad S = (\text{max. fatigue stress})^{\alpha_2}$$

- No open parameters (f(S) fixed by strength and life)

### (2) Chou + Croman (April 1978)

$$\frac{x-y}{x-S} = \left(\frac{n}{n_y}\right)^i$$

$$n_y = (\text{fatigue life})^{\alpha_1}$$

- One open parameter, i

### (3) Present Model

$$\frac{x-y}{x-S} = K \left[ \frac{n}{n_y} \right]^i + (1-K) \left[ \frac{n}{n_y} \right]^j$$

- Three open parameters — i, j, K
- Can represent increase and decrease in strength.

## Static Strength and Fatigue Life Distribution Equations

### (1) Static Strength Distribution

$$F_{R(0)}(x) = 1 - \exp(-x)$$

Non-dimensional static strength

$$x = \left( \frac{\text{static strength}}{\beta} \right)^\alpha$$

### (2) Static Strength Distribution for $x > S$

$$F_{R(0)}(x) = 1 - \exp(-x + S)$$

### (3) Fatigue Life Distribution

$$F_N(n) = 1 - \exp(-n)$$

Non-dimensional fatigue life

$$n = \left( \frac{\text{life}}{n_0} \right)^{\alpha_1}$$

### Residual Strength Equation

### with Increase of Strength Capability

### (1) Strength of Individual Specimen

$$\frac{x-y}{x-S} = K \left[ \frac{n}{n_r} \right]^i + (1-K) \left[ \frac{n}{n_r} \right]^j$$

### (2) Distribution of Residual Strength

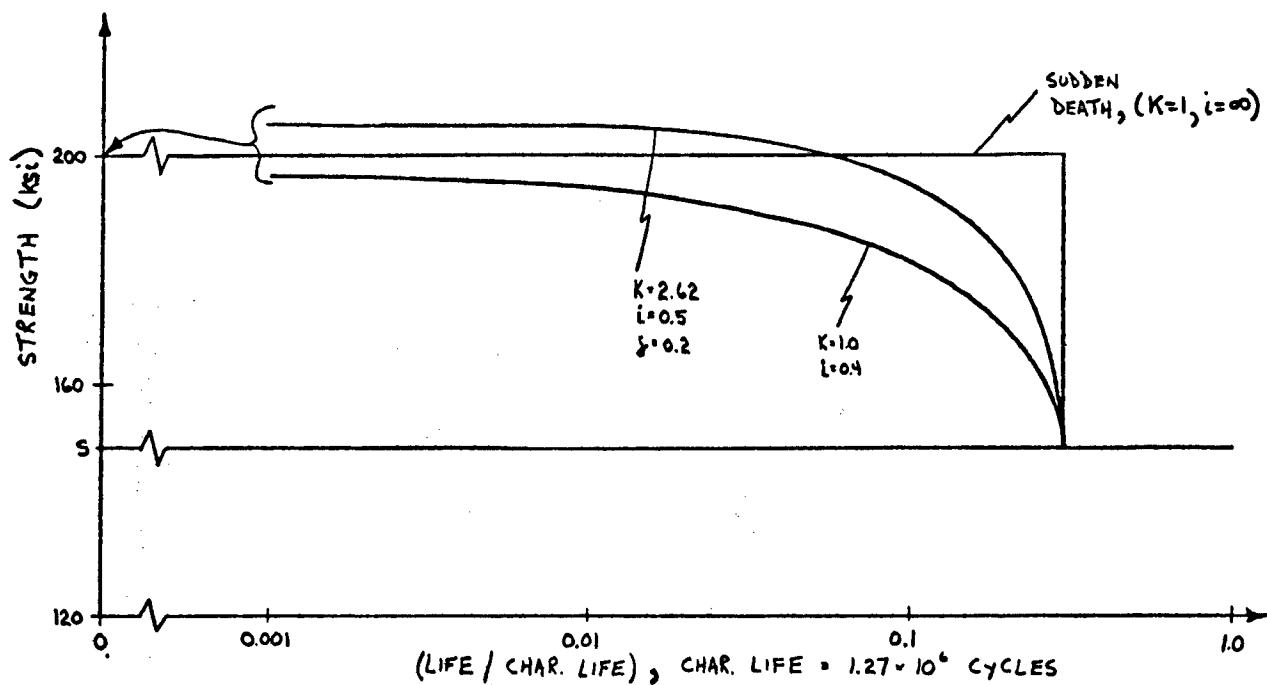
$$F_{R(n_r)}(y) = 1 - \exp[-x(y) + x_1]$$

### (3) Mean of Residual Strength

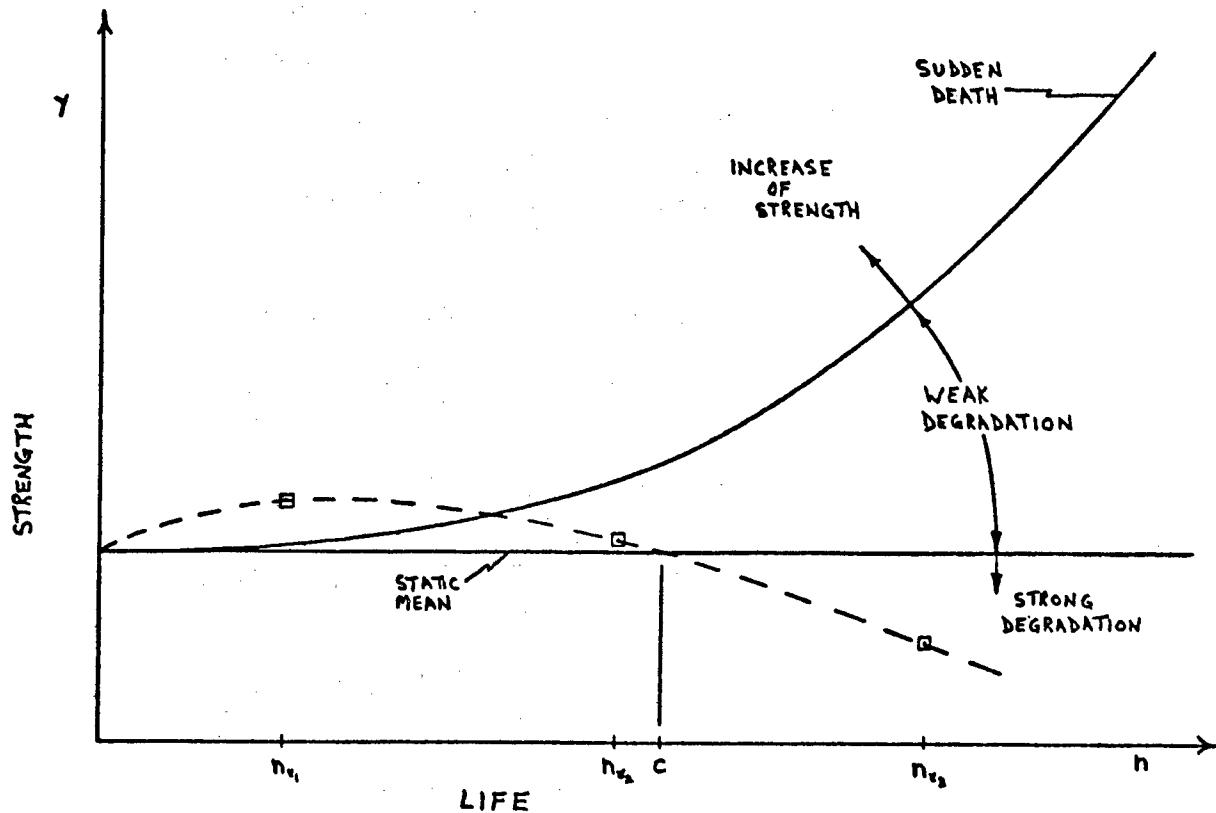
$$\mu_{R(n_r)} = \int_{x_1}^{\infty} \left\{ x - (x-S) \left\{ K \left[ \frac{n_r}{x-S} \right]^i + (1-K) \left[ \frac{n_r}{x-S} \right]^j \right\} \exp[-x+x_1] dx \right\}$$

$n_{x_1}$  = (residual strength test cycles) $^{\alpha_1}$

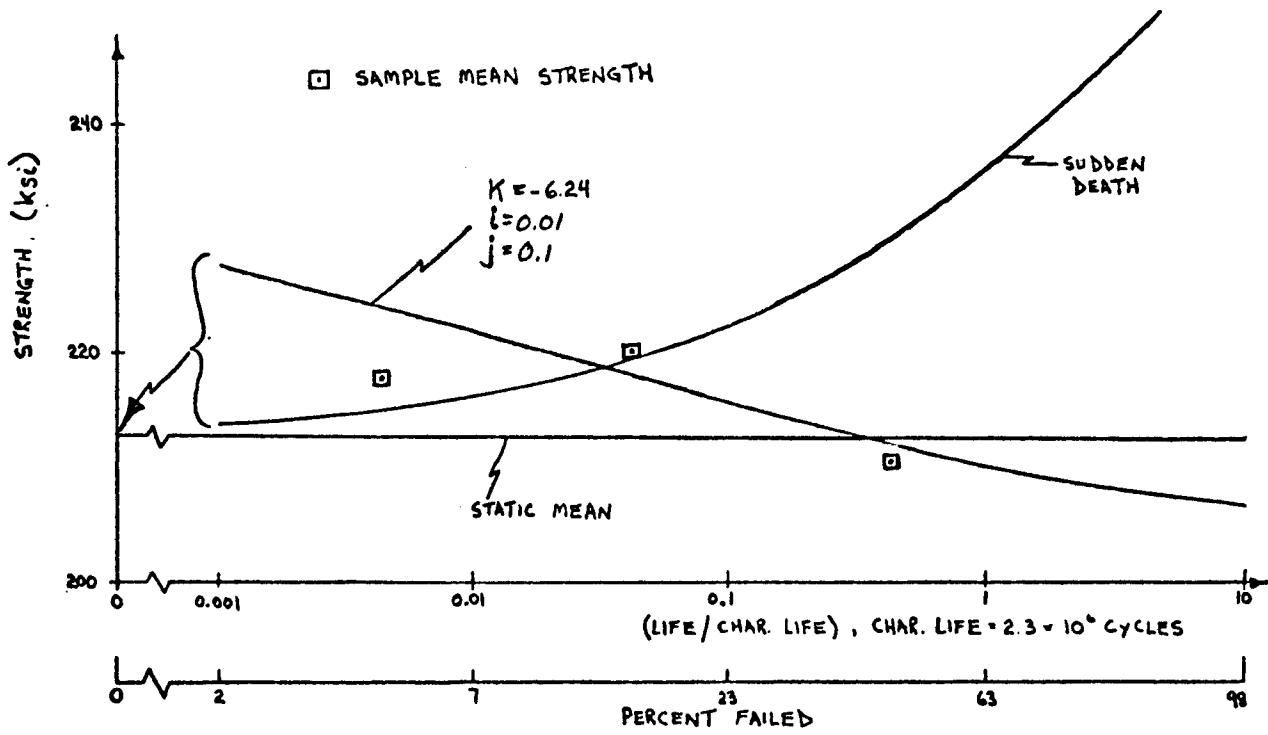
$x_1$  = (static strength) $^{\alpha}$  of specimen  
with  $y=S$  at  $n=n_{x_1}$



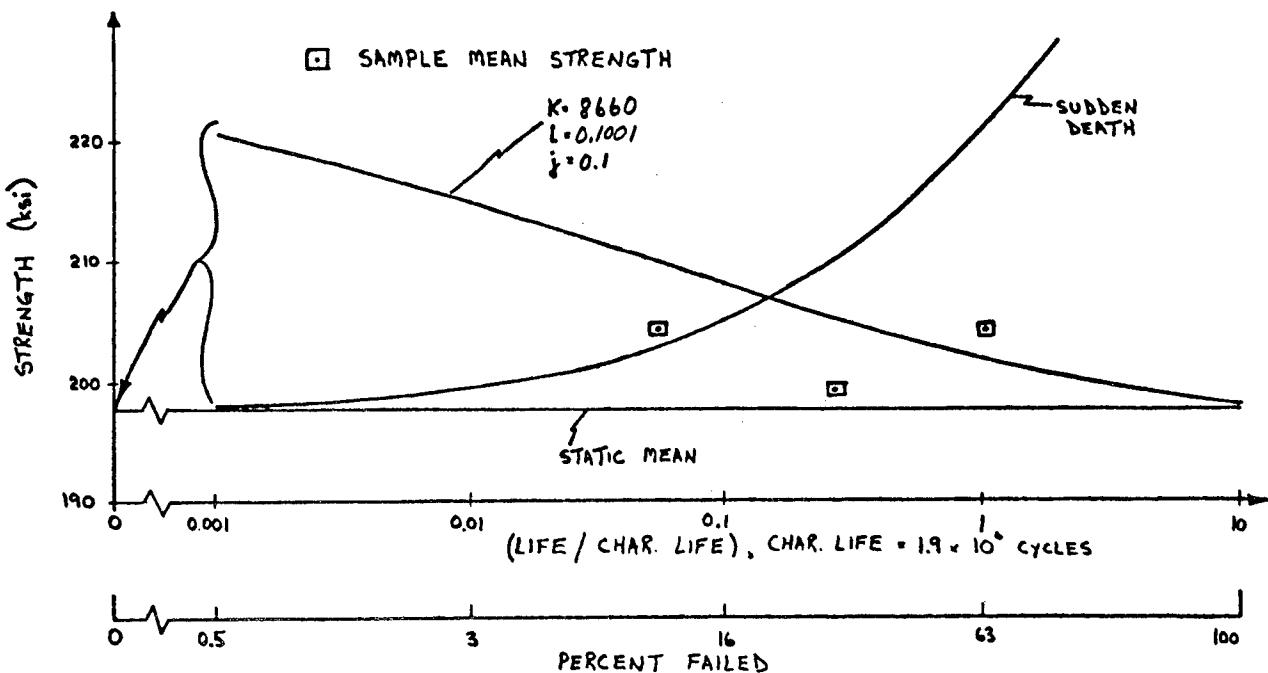
PLOT OF INDIVIDUAL SPECIMEN STRENGTH VS. LIFE FOR  
VARIOUS VALUES OF  $l$ ,  $j$ , and  $K$



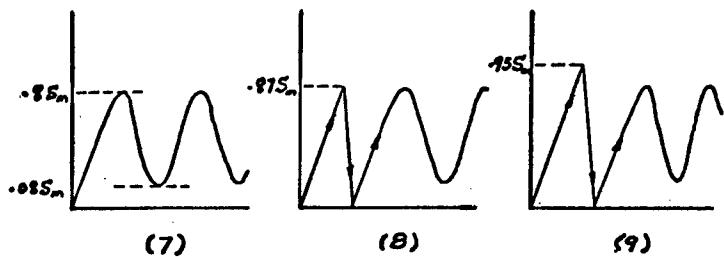
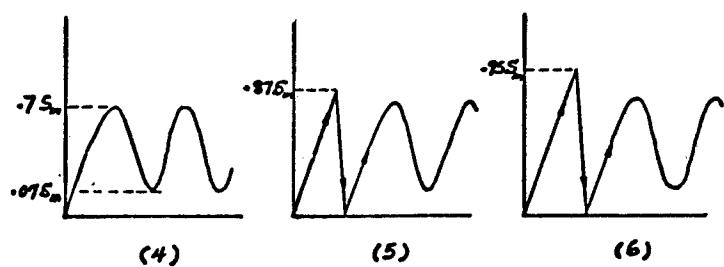
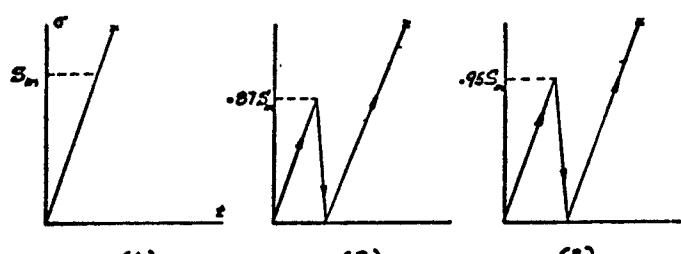
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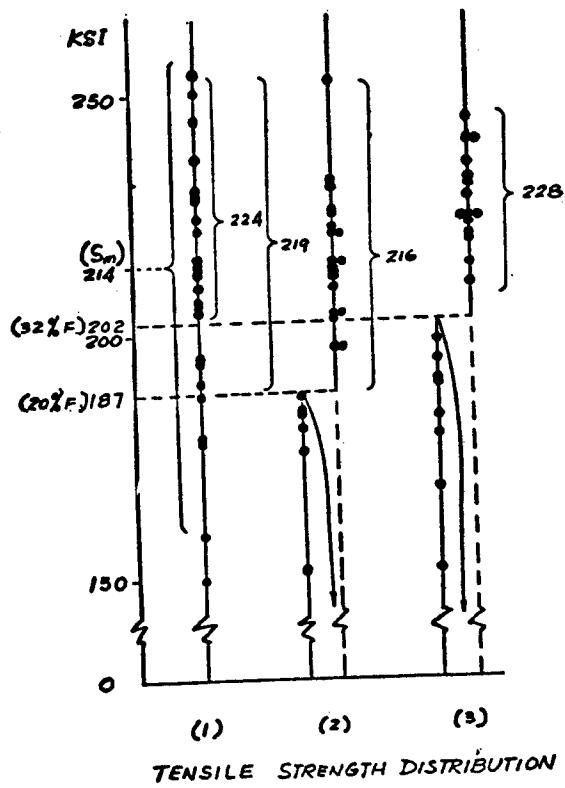
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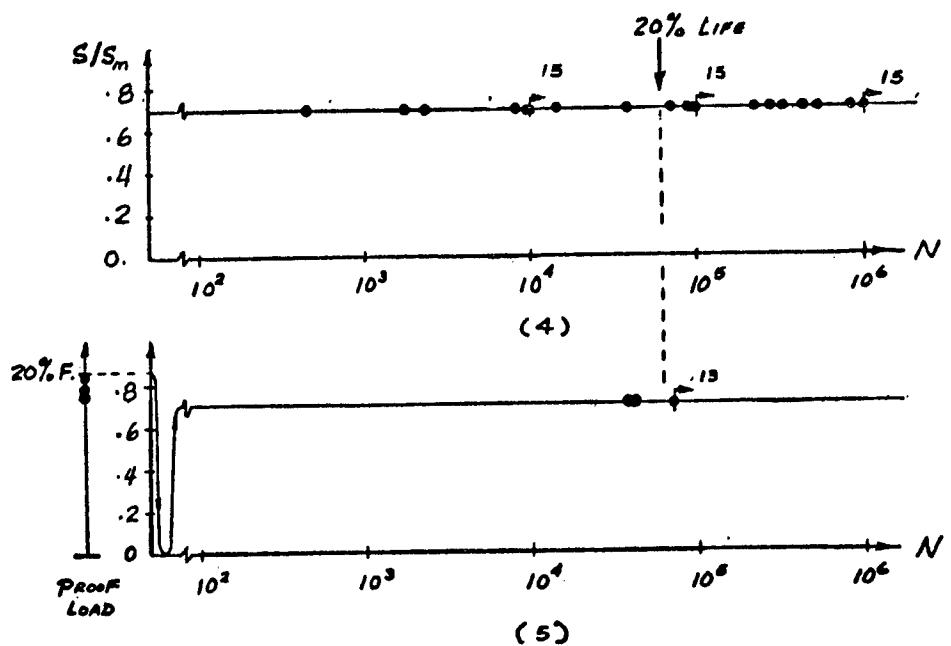
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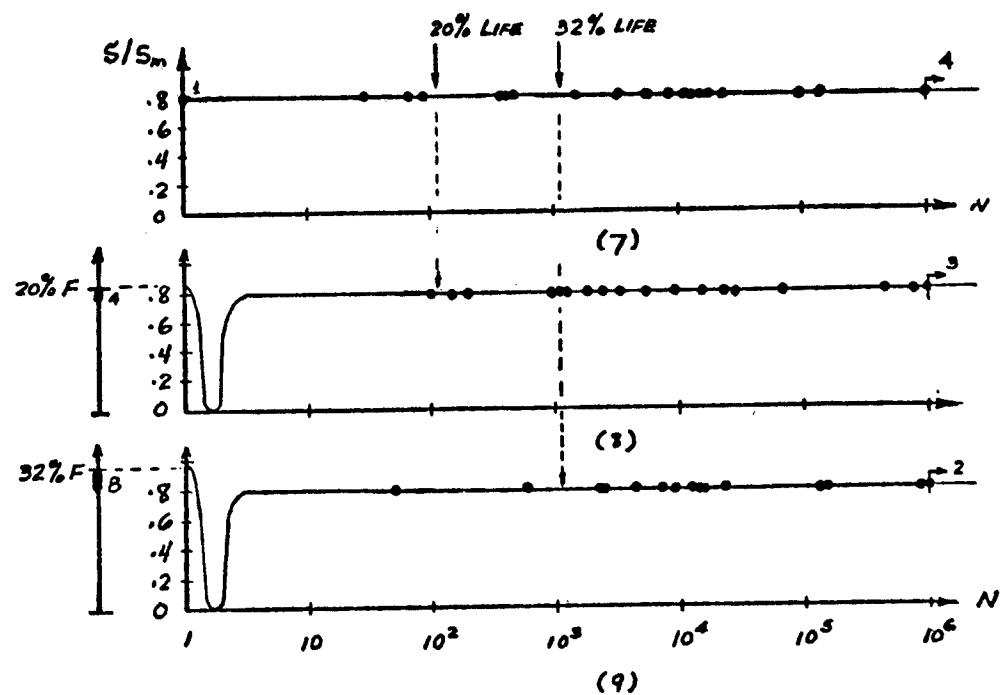
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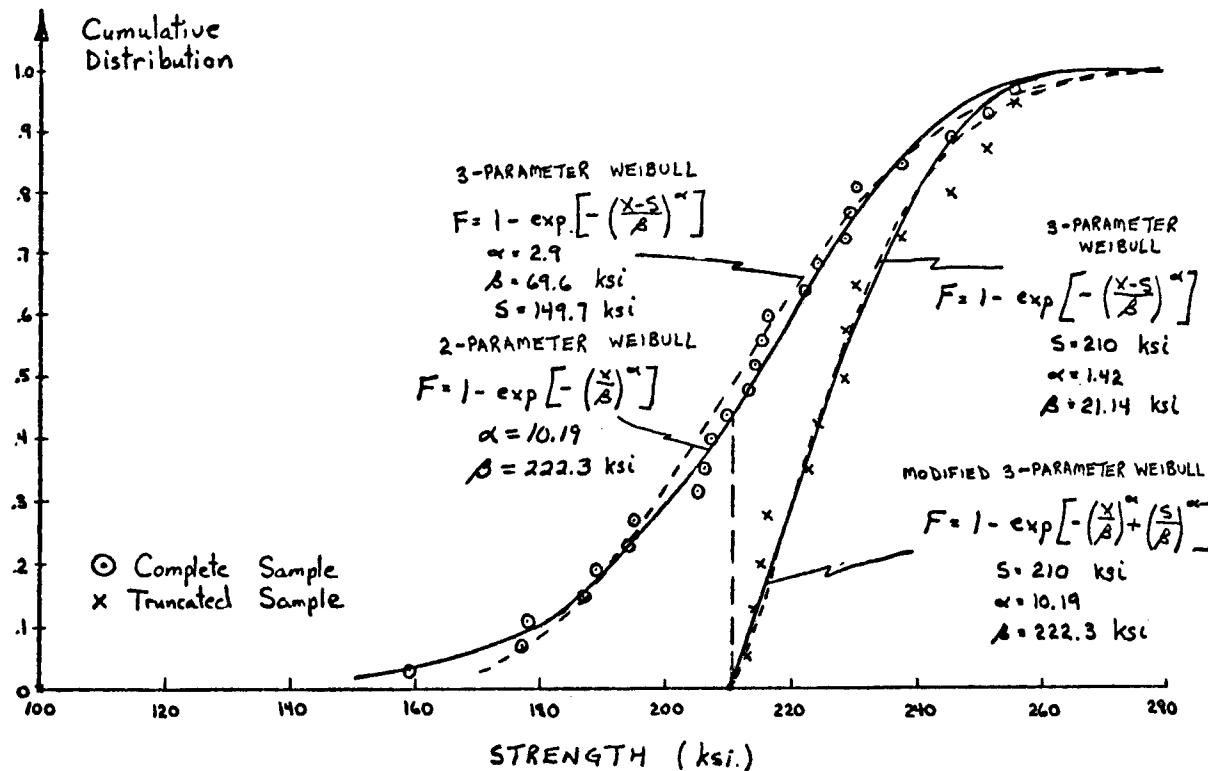
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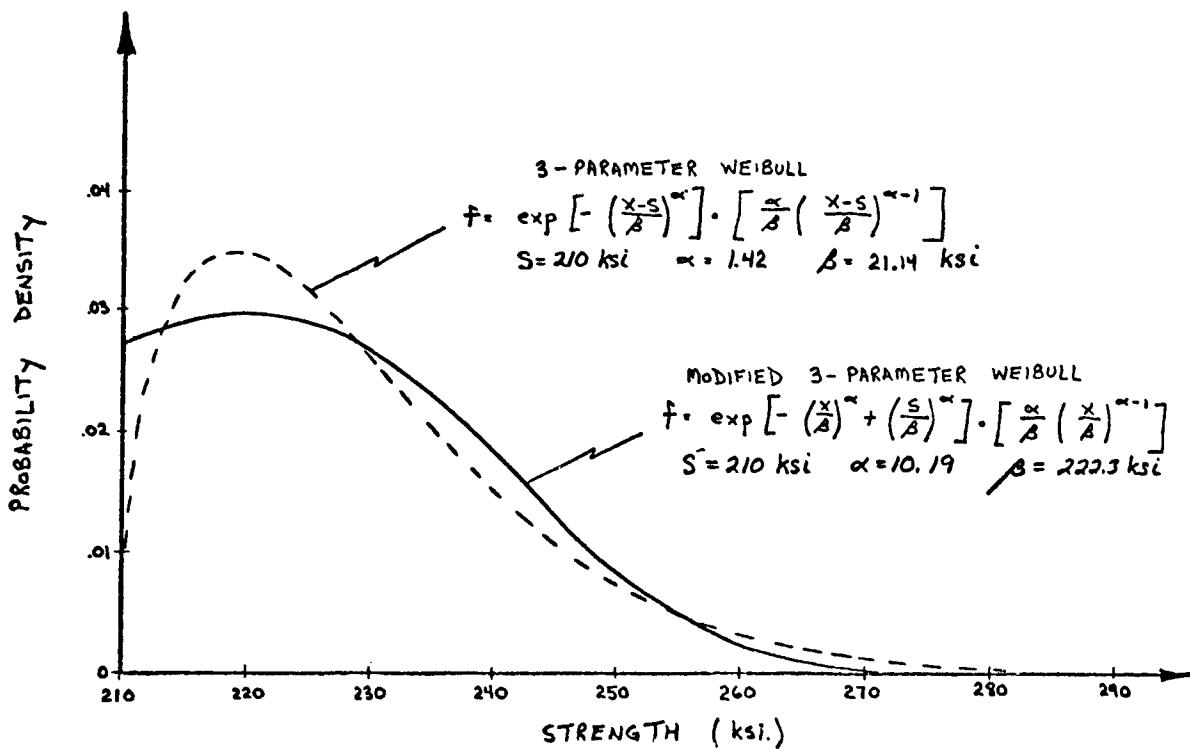
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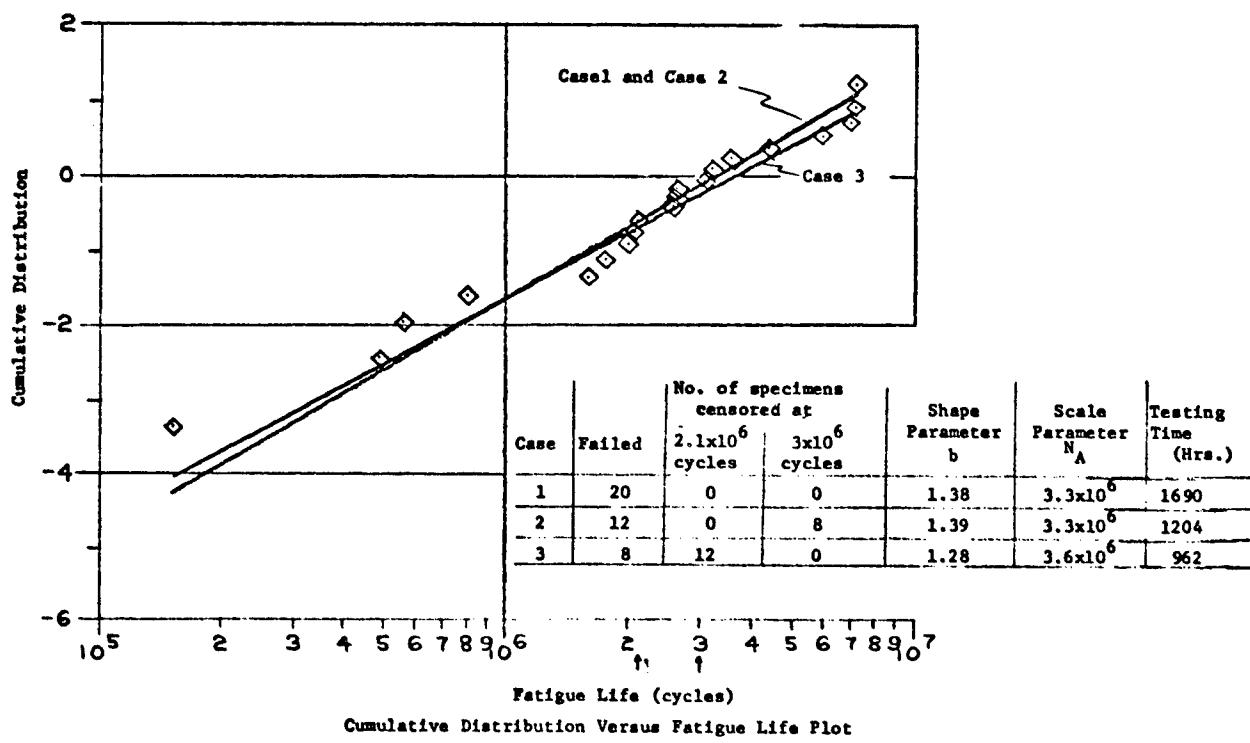
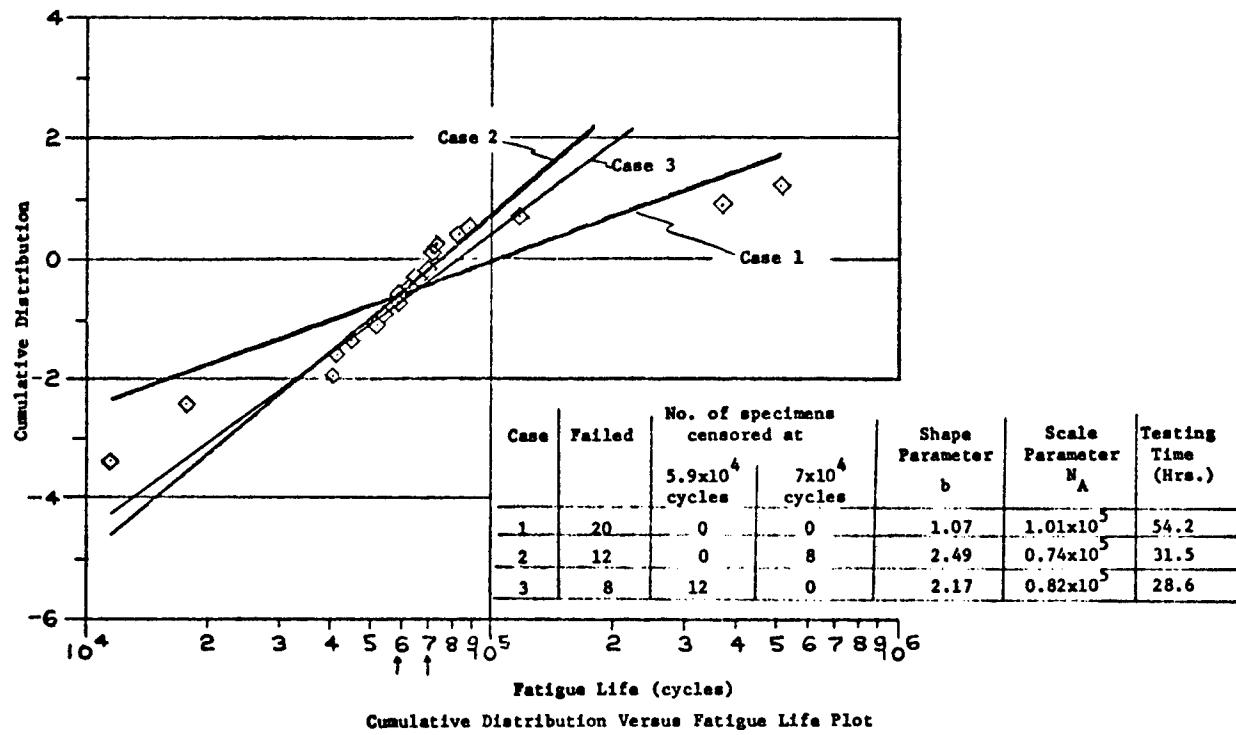
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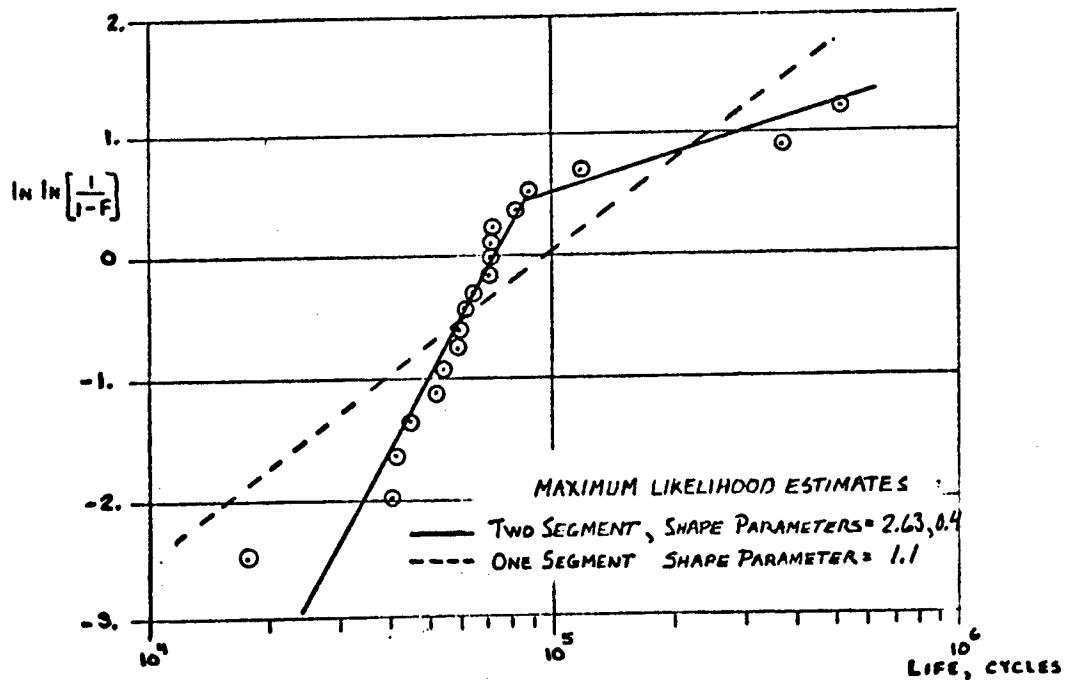


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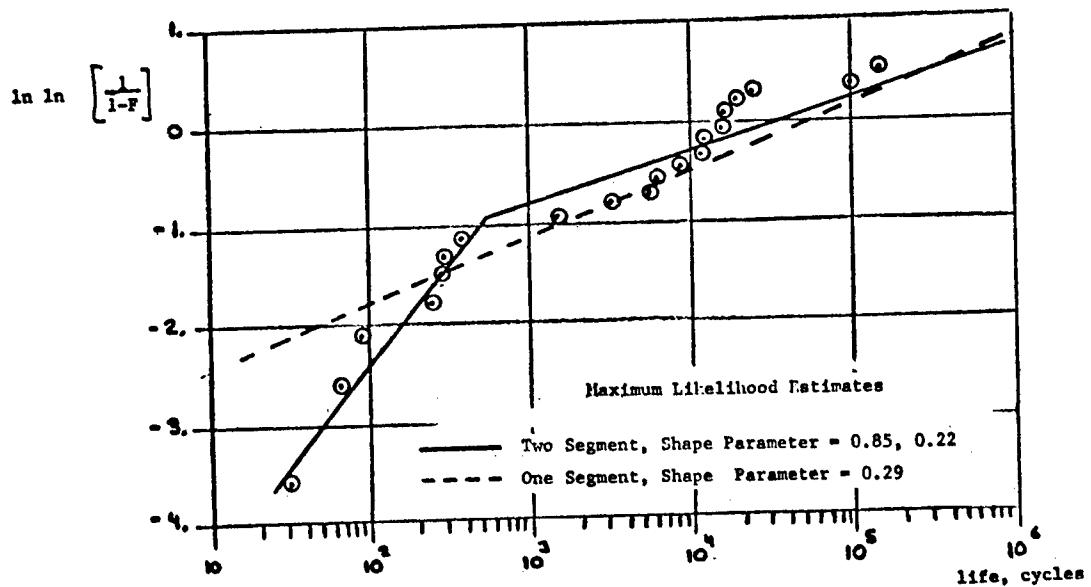


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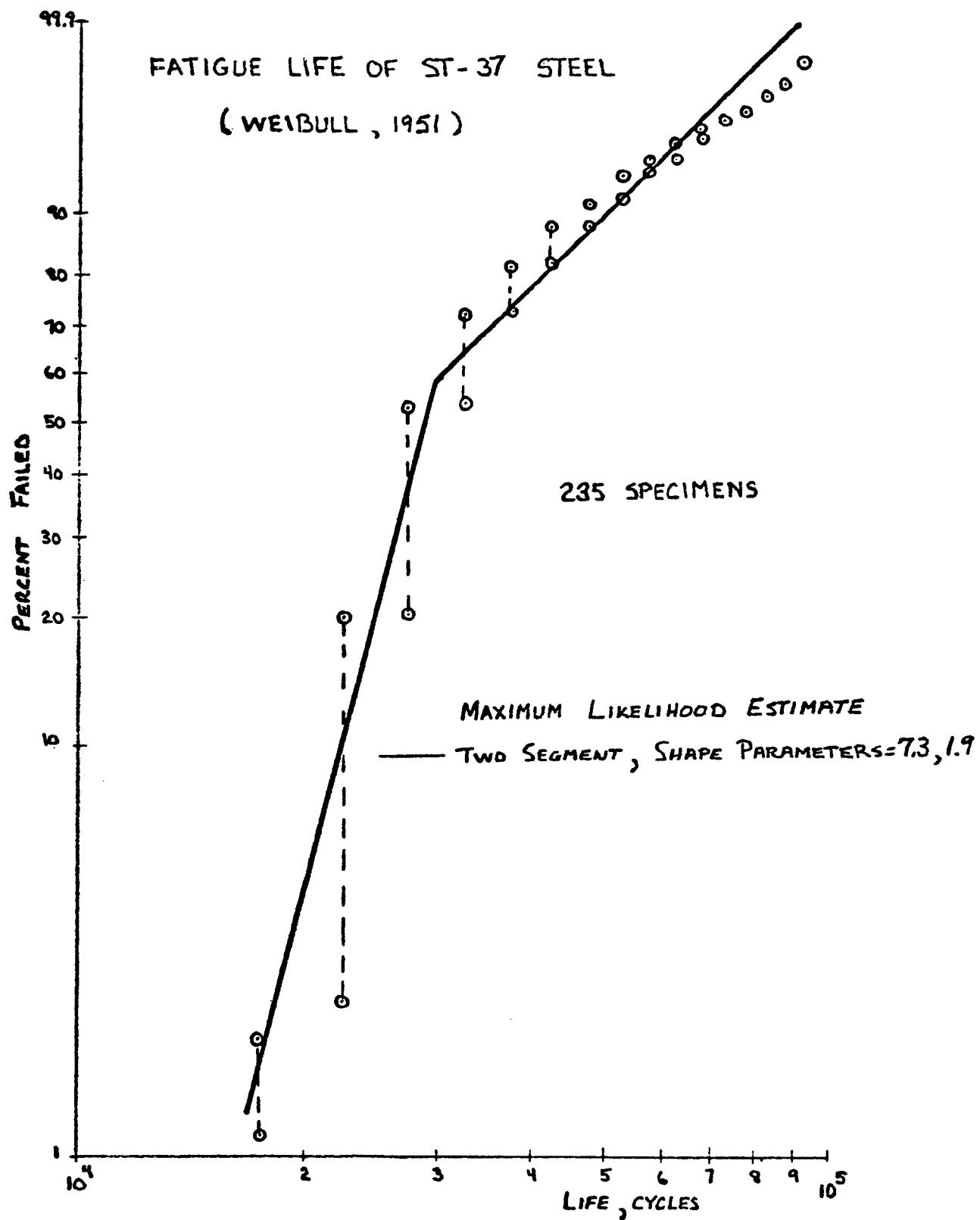




RYDER-WALKER LAMINATE I  
 TENSION-TENSION FATIGUE  
 (AFML-TR-76-241)



Present Study  
 Tension-Tension Fatigue of Unidirectional Graphite/Epoxy



AFFDL COMPOSITES PROGRAM - AN OVERVIEW

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BIAXIAL TESTING OF COMPOSITES (N BERNSTEIN/54893) 23070103												
SPECTRUM LOAD/ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - COMPOSITES (G SENDECKYJ/56104) 23070106												
HEAT TRANSFER AND THERMAL STRESS IN COMPOSITES (D PAUL/55573) 23070112												0

TITLE: RESEARCH IN STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY (IN-HOUSE)

TON: 23070101

OBJECTIVE: RESOLVE THEORETICAL QUESTIONS AND DEVELOP DAMAGE TOLERANCE AND DURABILITY ANALYSIS METHODS FOR ADVANCED COMPOSITE AND METALLIC AIRFRAME STRUCTURES.

APPROACH: PERFORM MULTI-FACETED THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM CONSISTING OF FOUR TASKS.

TASK I: STRENGTH AND DAMAGE TOLERANCE OF COMPOSITES

TASK II: DURABILITY OF COMPOSITES

TASK III: DIELECTRIC ATTENUATION AS DAMAGE AND/OR MOISTURE CONTENT INDICATOR FOR COMPOSITES

TASK IV: EFFECT OF LOAD AND ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION ON FATIGUE CRACK INITIATION AND GROWTH IN METALS

POTENTIAL APPLICATION AREA: •DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITE AND METALLIC STRUCTURES  
•AIR FORCE ASIP PROGRAM

TASK I: STRENGTH AND DAMAGE TOLERANCE OF COMPOSITES

- OFF-AXIS TENSION TEST FOR SHEAR CHARACTERIZATION OF COMPOSITES
- CRACK ARRESTMENT CONCEPTS
- NONLINEAR, PROGRESSIVE FAILURE ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITES
- SIZE/VOLUME EFFECTS IN COMPOSITES
- PANEL-TO-PANEL (FABRICATION) VARIABILITY IN COMPOSITES

TASK II: DURABILITY OF COMPOSITES

- IMPROVED TAB DESIGN FOR FATIGUE TESTING OF COMPOSITES
- TIME AT LOAD AND LOADING CYCLE SHAPE EFFECTS ON FATIGUE OF COMPOSITES
- SPECTRUM EFFECTS IN COMPOSITES
- STABILIZATION FIXTURE DESIGN FOR TENSION-COMPRESSION FATIGUE OF COMPOSITES
- STATISTICAL DATA ANALYSIS METHODS
- DAMAGE ACCUMULATION/DOCUMENTATION IN COMPOSITES

TASK III: DIELECTRIC ATTENUATION AS DAMAGE AND/OR  
MOISTURE CONTENT INDICATOR /OR COMPOSITES

•PRELIMINARY IN-HOUSE EFFORT

•LDF

TITLE: SENSITIVITY OF OPTIMIZED STRUCTURES

JON: 23070102

OBJECTIVE: ASSESS THE PROBLEM OF IMPERFECTION SENSITIVITY CREATED BY OPTIMIZATION  
OF STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS WHICH ARE CRITICAL IN BUCKLING.

APPROACH: DEVELOP A THEORY TO INVESTIGATE THIS PHENOMENA.  
SELECT DIFFERENT COMPONENT GEOMETRIES AND MATERIAL MIXTURES AND STUDY  
THEIR BEHAVIOR.

POTENTIAL APPLICATION AREA: •AIRFRAME STRUCTURAL PANELS: METALLIC/COMPOSITE  
•DAMAGED WING PANELS  
•MINIMUM WEIGHT PANEL DESIGN  
•DESIGN OF ORTHOTROPIC STIFFENED PANELS

TITLE: BIAXIAL TESTING OF COMPOSITES

JON: 23070103

OBJECTIVE: DESIGN AND FABRICATE A BIAXIAL TEST SYSTEM FOR LAYERED COMPOSITE  
SYSTEMS

APPROACH: DESIGN A LOAD FRAME AND CONSTRAINT FREE GRIPPING SYSTEM TO APPLY  
TENSION, COMPRESSION, AND TORSION COUPLED WITH INTERNAL AND  
EXTERNAL PRESSURE.

POTENTIAL APPLICATION AREA: CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY TO PREDICT STRUCTURAL BEHAVIOR  
OF COMPOSITE LAMINATES WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE  
THEIR APPLICATION TO PRIMARY AIRFRAME STRUCTURES.

TITLE: ANALYSIS OF DAMAGE EFFECTS IN THE FATIGUE LOADING OF STRUCTURAL COMPOSITES BY MEANS OF REAL-TIME MOIRE' INTERFEROMETRY

OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP METHOD OF TRACKING AND ANALYZING FATIGUE DAMAGE IN COMPOSITE MATERIALS

APPROACH: REAL-TIME MOIRE' INTERFEROMETRY

POTENTIAL APPLICATION AREA: DEVELOP DAMAGE GROWTH PREDICTION METHOD

TITLE: SPECTRUM LOAD/ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

JON: 23070106

OBJECTIVE:

- DEVELOP BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF FATIGUE BEHAVIOR
- DEVELOP DURABILITY DESIGN METHODOLOGY
- DEVELOP ACCELERATED TESTING TECHNOLOGY

APPROACH:

- JOINT AFFDL AND LLL PROGRAM
- LLL - GENERATE CREEP RUPTURE DATA
  - GENERATE CONSTANT AMPLITUDE FATIGUE DATA
- AFFDL - GENERATE SPECTRUM LOAD INTERACTION DATA
- BOTH - DEVELOP COMPOSITES FATIGUE THEORY

POTENTIAL APPLICATION AREA: AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS MANUFACTURED FROM COMPOSITES

TITLE: HEAT TRANSFER ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITES

JON: 23070112

OBJECTIVE: TO PREDICT STRUCTURAL RESPONSE TO RAPID HEATING THREATS SUCH AS LASER WEAPONS

APPROACH:

- PARAMETRIC ANALYSIS VARYING:
  - THERMAL BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (ABSORPTION, CONVECTION, ETC.)
  - TEMPERATURE AND/OR HEAT FLUX DEPENDENT MATERIAL PROPERTIES
- THEORETICAL ANALYSIS AND TESTING TO:
  - VERIFY CURRENT ANALYSIS CONCEPTS
  - IDENTIFY CRITICAL PROPERTIES AND THERMAL BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

POTENTIAL APPLICATION AREA:

- COMPOSITE COMPONENTS OF MISSILES, SPACECRAFT AND AIRCRAFT
- IMPROVED ACCURACY OF SURVIVABILITY STUDIES

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EFFECT OF VARIANCES AND MANUFACTURING ANOMALIES ON THE DESIGN  
STRENGTH AND LIFE OF MECHANICALLY FASTENED COMPOSITE JOINTS

OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP IMPROVED FAILURE CRITERIA AND STRENGTH AND LIFE METHODOLOGIES  
FOR MECHANICALLY FASTENED ANISOTROPIC COMPOSITE MATERIAL JOINTS

APPROACH : LITERATURE SEARCH

POSTULATE FAILURE MECHANISMS AND COMBINE WITH STRESS ANALYSES TO  
DEVELOP FAILURE CRITERION.

CONDUCT STATIC STRENGTH TESTS ON GRAPHITE-EPOXY JOINTS TO ASSESS THE  
EFFECTS OF DESIGN VARIABLES AND MANUFACTURING ANOMALIES.

CONDUCT CONSTANT AMPLITUDE AND RANDOM SPECTRA FATIGUE TESTS.

UTILIZE EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TO REFINES FAILURE CRITERIA AND  
STRENGTH AND LIFE PREDICTION METHODOLOGIES.

CONTRACT : FYZ8      FY79      FY80      FY81      TOTAL

JON: 24010110

PROJECT ENGINEER: R.J. ASCHENBRENNER

START DATE: 15 FEB 78

END DATE: 15 APR 81

*24010116*  
JON: 13670331

TITLE : EFFECT OF SERVICE ENVIRONMENT ON F-15 BORON-EPOXY STABILATOR

OBJECTIVE: DETERMINE STRUCTURAL DEGRADATION OF COMPOSITE MATERIAL RESULTING  
FROM MOISTURE ABSORPTION DURING SERVICE OPERATION.

APPROACH : EVALUATE STABILATORS REMOVED FROM AN F-15 AIRCRAFT THAT HAS  
A HIGH HUMIDITY ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

CONTRACT : F33615-77-C-3124

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AMOUNT: \$       

START : 25 AUG 77

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EFFECT OF VARIANCES AND MANUFACTURING ANOMALIES ON THE DESIGN  
STRENGTH AND LIFE OF MECHANICALLY FASTENED COMPOSITE JOINTS

OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP IMPROVED FAILURE CRITERIA AND STRENGTH AND LIFE METHODOLOGIES  
FOR MECHANICALLY FASTENED ANISOTROPIC COMPOSITE MATERIAL JOINTS

APPROACH : LITERATURE SEARCH

POSTULATE FAILURE MECHANISMS AND COMBINE WITH STRESS ANALYSES TO  
DEVELOP FAILURE CRITERION.

CONDUCT STATIC STRENGTH TESTS ON GRAPHITE-EPOXY JOINTS TO ASSESS THE  
EFFECTS OF DESIGN VARIABLES AND MANUFACTURING ANOMALIES.

CONDUCT CONSTANT AMPLITUDE AND RANDOM SPECTRA FATIGUE TESTS.

UTILIZE EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TO REFINES FAILURE CRITERIA AND  
STRENGTH AND LIFE PREDICTION METHODOLOGIES.

CONTRACT : FY78 FY79 FY80 FY81 TOTAL

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24010116  
JON: 13670991

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OBJECTIVE DETERMINE STRUCTURAL DEGRADATION OF COMPOSITE MATERIAL RESULTING  
FROM MOISTURE ABSORPTION DURING SERVICE OPERATION.

APPROACH EVALUATE STABILATORS REMOVED FROM AN F-15 AIRCRAFT THAT HAS  
A HIGH HUMIDITY ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

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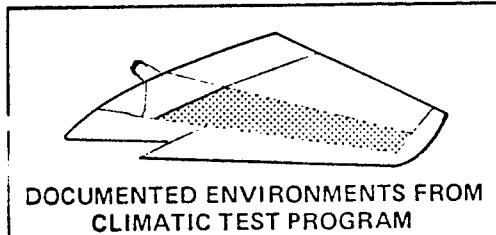
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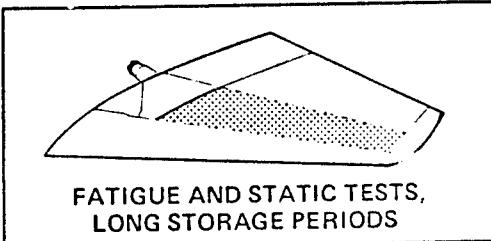
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**OBJECTIVE: Evaluate Effect of Service  
Environment on Boron/Epoxy  
Skins of F-15 Horizontal  
Stabilator**

**PRODUCTION F-15 STABILATOR**



**REFURBISHED TEST ARTICLE**



- PREDICT MOISTURE-TIME PROFILES IN BORON/EPOXY LAMINATES (■■■■■)
- CONDUCT FULL-SCALE STATIC TESTS OF ONE EAGLE 14 STABILATOR AND PDV-2 STABILATOR
- COMPARE PREDICTED AND MEASURED MOISTURE CONTENTS
- PROJECT LAMINATE STRENGTH DEGRADATION OVER TYPICAL SERVICE LIFE

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~~24010129~~ ADVANCED RESIDUAL STRENGTH DEGRADATION RATE MODELING FOR ADVANCED COMPOSITE STRUCTURES

CONTRACTOR: LOCKHEED-CALIFORNIA COMPANY

FUNDING: FY77    FY78    FY79    FY80    TOTAL

START DATE: DEC 76

END DATE: 30 SEP 81

PROBLEM: LACK OF METHODOLOGY FOR PREDICTING RESIDUAL STRENGTH DEGRADATION RATE FOR COMPOSITES

OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP METHODOLOGY FOR PREDICTING THE RESIDUAL STRENGTH AND ITS RATE OF CHANGE AS A FUNCTION OF FATIGUE LOADING FOR ADVANCED COMPOSITE STRUCTURES

APPROACH: o GENERATE RESIDUAL STRENGTH DATA AS A FUNCTION OF THE EXTENT OF FATIGUE INDUCED DAMAGE  
o DEVELOP ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY FOR PREDICTING THE RESIDUAL STRENGTH KNOWING EXTENT OF DAMAGE  
o DEVELOP EMPIRICAL DAMAGE GROWTH LAW

STATUS: CONTRACT SIGNED 29 AUG 77

24010129 DETERMINATION OF MOISTURE CONTENT IN COMPOSITES BE DIELECTRIC MEASUREMENT

CONTRACTOR: LOCKHEED-GEORGIA CO.

OBJECTIVE: QUANTIFY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL MOISTURE CONTENT AND CAPACITANCE CHANGE MEASURED BY EMBEDDED CAPACITANCE SENSOR EXPERIMENTALLY DETERMINE THROUGH THICKNESS MOISTURE DISTRIBUTION IN TYPICAL GRAPHITE-EPOXY LAMINATE

APPROACH: FABRICATE MOISTURE ABSORPTION SPECIMENS CONTAINING EMBEDDED CAPACITANCE SENSORS  
MOISTURE CONDITION THE SPECIMENS AND MONITOR WEIGHT GAIN AND SENSOR READINGS  
CORRELATE AND ANALYZE THE RESULTS

DESIGN SPECTRUM DEVELOPMENT  
AND GUIDELINES HANDBOOK

JON: 24010125

- OBJECTIVE: TO DEMONSTRATE EXISTENCE OF AND QUANTIFY EFFECTS OF SPECTRUM VARIATIONS ON DURABILITY
- APPROACH: PERFORM ANALYSIS AND TEST LOAD HISTORY VARIATIONS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE SPECTRUM EFFECTS
- CONTRACTOR: IN NEGOTIATION

AMT:

START DATE

5 Aug 78 (ESTIMATED)

END DATE

Nov 81

MECHANICS OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS 6.2 PROGRAMS	DATE 28 SEP 78 PREP. BY SENDECKYJ	FY CY	AMT:						TOTAL	
			77	78	79	80	81	82	83	
ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN PROGRAM (B L WHITE/55864) 24010301										
COMPOSITE SPECIMEN FABRICATION AND TEST (R ACHARD/56658) 24010314										
PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF ADVANCED WING STRUCTURE (A GONSKA/55864) 24010320										
ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN GUIDE (A GONSKA/55864) 24010324										
INTEGRAL COMPOSITE SKIN AND SPAR DESIGN STUDIES (A GONSKA/55864) 24010328										
STRAIN GAGE ATTACHMENT TO COMPOSITES (J MULLINEAUX/52067) 24010504										

ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN PROGRAM

RESOURCES:

BACKGROUND: UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE SUBMITTED  
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE  
PROMISING NEW DESIGNS IN COMPOSITE  
WING STRUCTURES.

PAYOUT: TO DETERMINE IF THE EMBEDDED SPAR  
CONCEPT IS A FEASIBLE STRUCTURAL  
DESIGN.

START DATE: 1 SEP 1977 END DATE: 15 DEC 1978

## ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN PROGRAM

JON: 24010301 ENGINEER: B. L. WHITE  
CONTRACTOR: UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE'S CENTER FOR  
COMPOSITE MATERIALS

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- TO DEVELOP DESIGN INFORMATION FOR ADVANCED STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS
- TO FOSTER ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY IN ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN
- TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGNERS TRAINED IN ADVANCED COMPOSITES

### APPROACH:

## • TO INVESTIGATE PROMISING NEW CONCEPTS FOR ATTACHING SPARS TO SKINS IN COMPOSITE WING STRUCTURES

## PROGRESS:

- STUDENT ANALYZING AND FABRICATING EMBEDDED SPAR-WING SKIN SECTIONS TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTS OF SPAN LENGTH TO CRITICAL DESIGN LOADS.

WORK UNIT: 24010314

**TITLE: COMPOSITE SPECIMEN FABRICATION AND TEST**

## OBJECTIVES: EXPERIMENTAL DATA, TOOLING, O/C, TEST FIXTURES, EMPIRICAL DESIGN TECHNIQUES

**APPROACH:** FLEXIBLE PROGRAM TO COMPLEMENT SPECIMEN FABRICATION AND ITERATIVE DESIGN/FABRICATION STUDIES UNDER FACILITY MISSION

## **PAY OFF: COMPOSITE AIRFRAME TECHNOLOGY, FACILITY CAPABILITY**

FUNDING: Oct 76 - Oct 77 20  
FY78 30  
FY79 40

START DATE: Oct 76

FINAL PRODUCT DATE: JUL 79

PROJECT MONITOR: W. YARCHO

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: R. Achard

## **PROGRAM**

## FBSA DESIGN/FABRICATION STUDIES

## FBSC MOISTURE ABSORPTION/DESORPTION IN GR/EP, B/EP; EFFECTS OF CURE PARAMETERS ON COMPOSITE PROPERTIES AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

## FB SPECIMEN FABRICATION FBE

FBR

FBT

## FBT SUPPORT TO TEST PROGRAMS

OTHER SUPPORT FE

RADC/U. NOTRE DAME/IASC

## PROJECT 24010314

PHASE	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT ENGINEER	COMPLETION STATUS
I	TOOLING INVESTIGATION:		
	ANGLE FABRICATION	BETA	30
	CERAMIC TOOLING	BETA	80
	HEATED CERAMIC TOOLING	BETA	0
	WING SECTION DEMONSTRATION	BETA	10
II	PROCESS & TEST IMPROVEMENT:		
	MATERIALS TEST	ROLFES	50
	PROCESS STUDIES PHASE I	SANDOW	80
	ADHESIVE TESTS	BETA	--
	DTA/DSC	--	0
III	ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:		
	MOISTURE ABSORPTION/ DESORPTION	SHIRRELL	75
IV	STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS:		
	T-SPECIMENS	ACHARD/ROLFES	80

PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF ADVANCED WING STRUCTURE

JOM: 24010320

ENGINEER: A. GONSISKA

**IN-HOUSE EFFORT**

OBJECTIVE: 

- INVESTIGATE THE LATEST PROMISING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF STRUCTURES TECHNOLOGY
- APPLY THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF WING STRUCTURES
- SUPPORT AFFDL DESIGN STUDIES

APPROACH: 

- CONCENTRATE ON INTEGRAL SKIN/SPAR CONCEPTS
- DESIGN CONCEPTS
- CONSTRUCT SPECIMENS
- TEST SPECIMENS
- REVIEW AND INTERFACE WITH ANY CONTRACTOR EFFORTS IN THIS AREA

PROGRESS: 

- ALL TESTING ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAM HAS BEEN COMPLETED
- FLATWISE TENSION (DRY AND WET)
- TRANSVERSE TENSION (DRY AND WET)
- FINAL REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
- PAPER PRESENTED AT THE AJIA MINI-SYMPOSIUM

PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF ADVANCED WING STRUCTURE

BACKGROUND: 

- LARGE INTEREST IN INTEGRAL SKIN/SPAR CONCEPTS WITHIN THE AEROSPACE COMMUNITY
- IN-HOUSE EFFORT USED TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS DESIGN PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CONCEPT

PAYOFF: 

- STANDARDIZED FLATWISE TENSION TESTING WITHIN INDUSTRY
- TRANSFERRED DESIGN AND TEST DATA
- DEVELOPED EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE IN AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION AND TESTING OF CONCEPTS
- ABLE TO EVALUATE CONTRACTORS RESULTS WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE
- CONVINCED INDUSTRY TO INVESTIGATE AREAS OTHER THAN FLATWISE TENSION DRY

START DATE: 23 OCT 73      END DATE: 29 SEP 78

DOD/NASA ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN GUIDE

JON: 24010324

ENGINEER: A. GONSISKA

CONTRACTOR: ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL

OBJECTIVE: TO PRODUCE A COMPLETELY NEW ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN GUIDE BASED UPON THE THIRD EDITION OF THE AIR FORCE ADVANCED COMPOSITES DESIGN GUIDE.

APPROACH: 

- HOLD AN INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF CURRENT DESIGN GUIDE
- COLLECT LATEST DATA ON COMPOSITES
- IMPROVE UPON THE FORMAT OF THE CURRENT DESIGN GUIDE

PROGRESS: 

- AN INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF THE CURRENT DESIGN GUIDE WAS HELD ON 20-21 JUNE 1978
- WORK IS PROCEEDING ON DATA ACQUISITION AND FIRST EDITION DEVELOPMENT

## DOD/NASA ADVANCED COMPOSITE DESIGN GUIDE

### BACKGROUND:

- CURRENT DESIGN GUIDE IS AN EVOLUTION OF 10 YEARS OF EFFORT
- ADDITIONAL EFFORT NOW REQUIRED DUE TO
  - NEW MATERIALS
  - NEW MANUFACTURING METHODS
  - ENLARGED DATA BASE
- AGREEMENT OF THE DESIGN PANEL OF THE DOD/NASA COMPOSITES INTERDEPENDENCY WORKING GROUP

PAYOFF: DESIGN DOCUMENT OF HIGH UTILITY TO DESIGNERS IN THE AEROSPACE COMMUNITY

### INTEGRAL COMPOSITE SKIN AND SPAR DESIGN STUDIES

JON: 24010328

ENGINEER: A. GONSKA

CONTRACTOR: GRUMMAN AEROSPACE

OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP DESIGN INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL TEST DATA ON INTEGRAL SKIN/SPAR CONCEPTS

### APPROACH:

- THREE CONCEPTS, PLUS A BASELINE, WILL BE SELECTED AND SUBJECTED TO THE FOLLOWING LOADING CONDITIONS.
  - FLATWISE TENSION
  - TRANSVERSE TENSION
  - LONGITUDINAL TENSION
  - LATERAL WEB LOAD
  - SPAR SHEAR
  - IN-PLANE SHEAR
  - COMBINED TRANSVERSE TENSION AND FLATWISE TENSION
  - COMBINED LONGITUDINAL TENSION AND FLATWISE TENSION
  - FATIGUE
  - FLATWISE TENSION AND LATERAL WEB FATIGUE

INTEGRAL COMPOSITE SKIN AND SPAR DESIGN STUDIES

APPROACH (CON'T)

- TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT
  - ROOM TEMPERATURE - DRY
  - 265°F - WET
  - WET FATIGUE WITH THERMAL SPIKES

STATUS: PROCUREMENT ACTIONS HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED

PROJECTED RESOURCES:

<u>FY78</u>	<u>FY79</u>	<u>FY80</u>	<u>FY81</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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START DATE: 11 SEP 78      END DATE: 11 SEP 81

INTEGRAL COMPOSITE SKIN AND SPAR DESIGN STUDIES

BACKGROUND:

- SIMILAR CONCEPTS BEING USED IN THE ADVANCED COMPOSITES ADP CRITICAL COMPONENTS STUDY
- FOLLOW-ON TO THE IN-HOUSE STUDY
- HIGHER RISK THAN "CONVENTIONAL COMPOSITES DESIGN"

PAYOUT:

- POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS
- ELIMINATES STRESS CONCENTRATIONS DUE TO FASTENERS IN LOWER WING SKIN
- IMPROVEMENT IN FUEL SEALANT

**TITLE:** "STRAIN GAGE ATTACHMENTS TO COMPOSITES" JON: 24010504

**OBJECTIVE:** DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNIQUES TO ATTACH STRAIN GAGES ON COMPOSITE PARTS WHICH ARE EXPOSED TO HUMIDITY AND ELEVATED TEMPERATURES.

**APPROACH:** INVESTIGATE NON-EPOXY ADHESIVES AS BONDING AGENTS AND RTV SILICON MATERIAL AS COATINGS FOR STRAIN GAGE INSTALLATION ON COMPOSITE COUPONS.

**PAYOUT:** RELIABLE STRAIN GAGE DATA WHICH MEASURES PROPERTY CHANGES OF COMPOSITES MATERIALS DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

**START DATE:** OCTOBER 1977

**END DATE:** SEPTEMBER 1980

MECHANICS OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS 6.2 PROGRAMS	DATE 28 SEP 78 PREP. BY SENDEKCYJ	FY 77 CY	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	TOTAL
FATIGUE SENSITIVITY - COMPOSITES (E DEMUTS/53736) 69CW0124										
ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY - COMPOSITES (E DEMUTS/53736) 69CW0128										
SERVICE/MAINTAINABILITY - COMPOSITES (J GARRISON/53736) 69CW0129										
ADVANCED COMPOSITE SERVICEABILITY (R NEFF/53736) 69CW0200										
VALIDATION OF AEROELASTIC TAILORING (M SHIRK/56832) 24010214										
FORWARD SWEPT WING AEROELASTIC STUDIES (M SHIRK/56832) 24010226										

**TITLE:** FATIGUE SPECTRUM SENSITIVITY OF COMPOSITES JON: 69CW0124

**OBJECTIVE:** DETERMINE SENSITIVITY OF FATIGUE PROPERTIES TO LOADING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS LEADING TO REALISTIC ACCELERATED FATIGUE SPECTRUM SIMULATIONS

**APPROACH:** EXPERIMENTALLY DETERMINE THE EFFECT OF FREQUENCY, LOAD RATE, LOAD TRUNCATION, AND STRESS LEVEL ON FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF BOLTED AND ADHESIVELY BONDED JOINTS FOR EACH OF THREE ENVIRONMENTS (RTD, RTW, MPTW)

**CONTRACTOR:** NORTHROP, AIRCRAFT DIVISION

**ANT:**

**START DATE:** JUNE 1975

**END DATE:** SEPTEMBER 1980

## PROGRESS

BOLTED JOINTS AT RTD - FREQUENCY AND LOAD RATE TESTS COMPLETE; REAL TIME TESTS 80% COMPLETE

BONDED JOINT TESTING DELAYED BY SEVERAL MONTHS BUT NO IMPACT ON CONTRACT END DATE IS EXPECTED

200K HTS TEST SET UP INVESTIGATION COMPLETED

FABRICATION ON 10 CHANNEL TEST SET UP FOR BONDED JOINTS - IN PROGRESS

ADHESIVE EVALUATION FOR HOT, WET CONDITIONS - IN PROGRESS

BONDED JOINT SPECIMEN REDESIGN - IN PROGRESS

## RESULTS

• BOLTED JOINTS a RTD	<u>ALFA(%)</u>	<u>STRENGTH(%)</u>
LIFETIME (1 VS. 2) . . . . .	36	2.9
FREQUENCY (.5 VS. 5 HZ) . . . . .	43	5.0
LOAD RATE (1.2 VS. 12 K/SEC) . . . . .	6	0.5
LOAD DWELL . . . . .	-13	-0.4
FIBER VOLUME EFFECT - 10% STRENGTH FOR 1% F.V.		

• BONDED JOINTS - LOAD CONTROL

WAVEFORM CAN AFFECT FATIGUE LIFE BY A FACTOR OF 10

IDENTICAL WAVEFORMS CAN BE ACHIEVED

DYNAMIC TRANSIENT LOAD MAY AFFECT GANG TESTING

TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY OF ADVANCED COMPOSITES JON: 69CW0128

CONTRACTOR: GRUMMAN AEROSPACE

DURATION: 1 SEP 75 - 31 DEC 79

AMOUNT:

BACKGROUND: EFFORTS TO QUALIFY B-1 COMPOSITE STRUCTURES IDENTIFIED A NEED FOR A COST-EFFECTIVE, RELIABLE QUALIFICATION METHODOLOGY FOR COMPOSITE STRUCTURES. THIS EFFORT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ROADMAP PROGRAMS, WAS FORMULATED TO PROVIDE DATA NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THIS QUALIFICATION METHODOLOGY.

OBJECTIVE: ASSESS THE EFFECTS OF REALISTIC ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE ON THE DURABILITY OF ADVANCED COMPOSITES AND ASSESS METHODS FOR SIMULATING THESE EFFECTS, IN AN ACCELERATED MANNER IN THE LABORATORY.

ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

APPROACH: • DEFINE AVERAGE AND WORST CASE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE MODELS FOR ALL GENERAL CLASSES OF AF VEHICLES  
• CONDUCT A TEST PROGRAM INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 2000 SPECIMENS TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTS AND INTERACTION OF THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS ON DURABILITY  
• SPECIMENS - THICKNESS AND LAMINATE TYPE  
• LOADING - TENSION AND COMPRESSION FATIGUE  
• FLIGHT TEMPERATURE - WITH AND WITHOUT  
• RUNWAY STORAGE - AVERAGE AND WORST CASE  
• TIME - REAL TIME AND ACCELERATED

PAYOUT: PROVIDE THE DATA NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTAL SIMULATION TECHNIQUES FOR ACCELERATED STRUCTURAL QUALIFICATION TESTING.

PROGRAM PROGRESS

- ENVIRONMENTAL DEFINITION COMPLETED
- ALL SPECIMENS FABRICATED
- TEST RIG FABRICATION COMPLETED
- STATIC TESTS COMPLETED (360 TESTS)
- NOMINAL FATIGUE TESTS NEAR COMPLETION (240 TESTS)
- REAL TIME TESTING INITIATED

TITLE: SERVICE/MAINTAINABILITY OF ADVANCED JOIN: 69CW0129  
COMPOSITE STRUCTURES

OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP DESIGN APPROACHES WHICH IMPROVE RESISTANCE OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURES TO GROUND HANDLING DAMAGE.

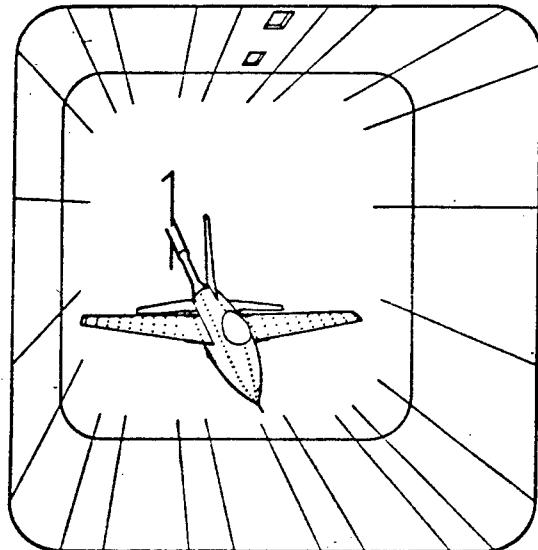
APPROACH: BASED ON SERVICE EXPERIENCE DATA, IMPACT DAMAGE TESTS AND ANALYSIS, DEVELOP IMPROVED DAMAGE RESISTANCE DESIGN APPROACHES AND VALIDATE BY SERVICE SIMULATION TESTS

CONTRACTOR: NORTHROP CORPORATION AMT:

START DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 1976 END DATE: 10 AUGUST 1978

# VALIDATION OF AEROELASTIC TAILORING

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24010214



## OBJECTIVE:

- EXPERIMENTALLY VERIFY AERO-ELASTIC TAILORING METHODS

## APPROACH:

- DESIGN AND WIND TUNNEL
- TEST AEROELASTICALLY TAILORED MODELS
  - STATIC AEROELASTIC
  - FLUTTER

## VERIFY PREDICTIONS OF:

- FORCE AND MOMENT
- PRESSURE
- DEFLECTION
- FLUTTER SPEED

TITLE: FORWARD SWEPT WING AEROELASTIC STUDIES

JON: 24010226

OBJECTIVE: ANALYTICALLY AND EXPERIMENTALLY INVESTIGATE DIVERGENCE ELIMINATION IN AEROELASTICALLY TAILORED FORWARD SWEPT WINGS

APPROACH:

- DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF FSW WIND TUNNEL MODEL
- FABRICATION OF MODEL
- TEST MODEL USING VARIOUS COMPOSITE LAYUPS AT VARIOUS FORWARD SWEEP ANGLES

IN-HOUSE EFFORT

COMPUTER UTILIZATION: \$20,000

TOTAL DIRECT MANHOURS: 4400

START DATE: 1 MARCH 1978

END DATE: 30 DECEMBER 1979

AFFDL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

BY

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STRUCTURAL MECHANICS DIVISION  
AIR FORCE FLIGHT DYNAMICS LABORATORY

IN-HOUSE WORK UNITS

- 23070101 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESEARCH - COMPOSITES AND METALS  
(G P SENDECKYJ)
- 24010226 FORWARD SWEPT WING AEROLEASTIC STUDIES  
(M SHIRK)
- 24010314 COMPOSITE SPECIMEN FABRICATION AND TEST  
(R ACHARD)
- 24010320 PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF ADVANCED WING STRUCTURE  
(A GONSKA)
- 24010504 STRAIN GAGE ATTACHMENT TO COMPOSITES  
(J MULLINEAUX)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

DAMAGE DOCUMENTATION IN COMPOSITES - G. P. SENDECKYJ

MOISTURE DIFFUSION STUDIES - CPT C. D. SHIRRELL

## MOISTURE ABSORPTION STUDIES

### PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS:

"DIFFUSION OF WATER VAPOR IN GRAPHITE/EPOXY COMPOSITES," ASTM CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON ADVANCED COMPOSITE MATERIALS, DAYTON, SEP 1978

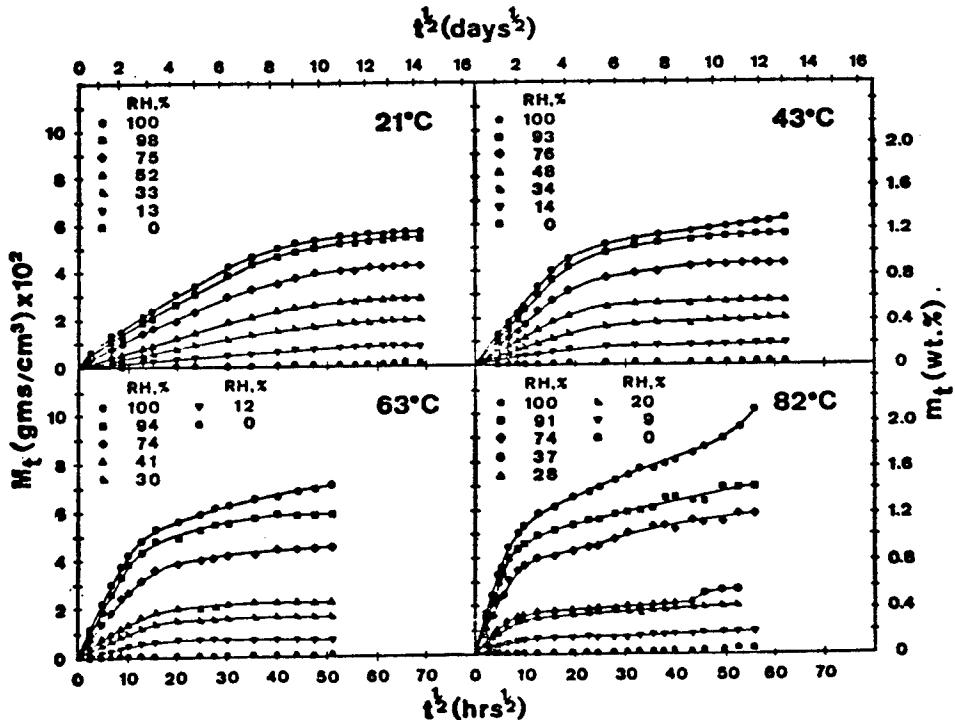
"MOISTURE SORPTION AND DESORPTION IN EPOXY RESIN MATRIX COMPOSITES," 23RD NATIONAL SAMPE SYMPOSIUM, ANAHEIM, 1978

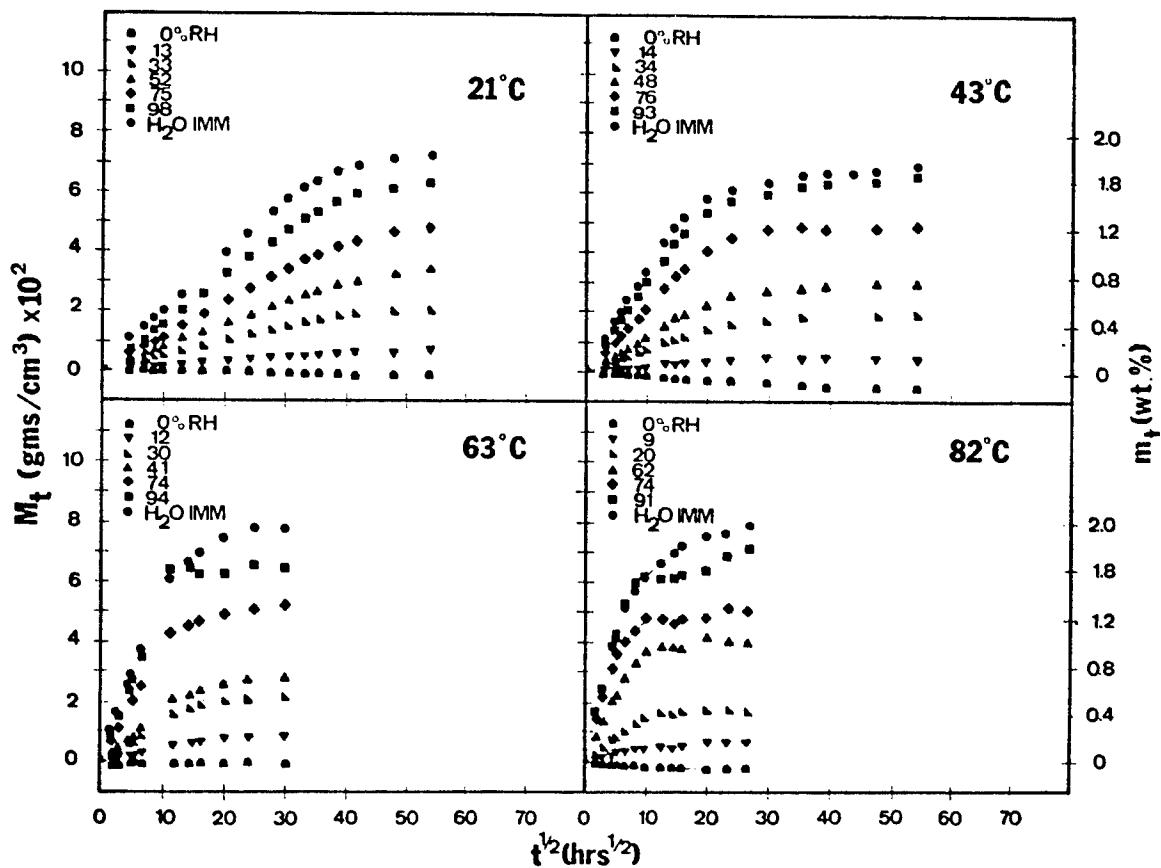
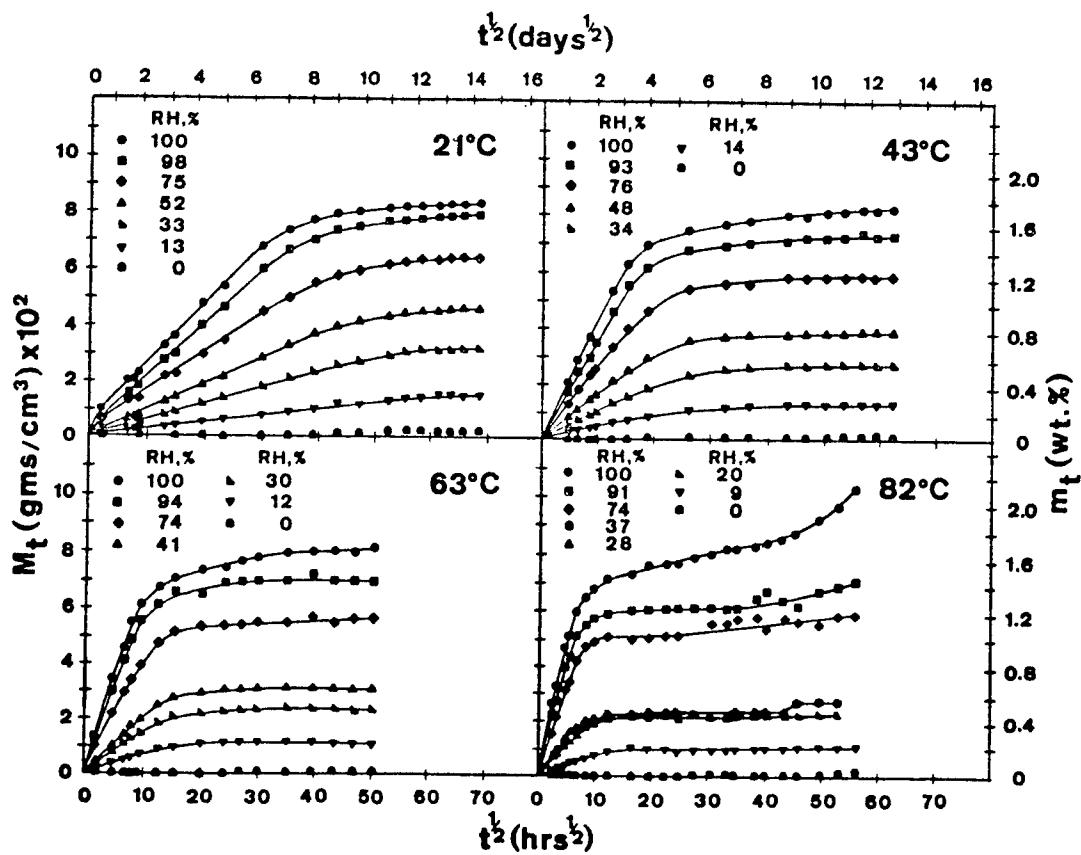
"MOISTURE INDUCED SURFACE DAMAGE IN T300/5208 GRAPHITE-EPOXY LAMINATES", ASTM CONFERENCE ON NDE AND FLAW CRITICALITY FOR COMPOSITE MATERIALS, PHILADELPHIA, OCT 1978

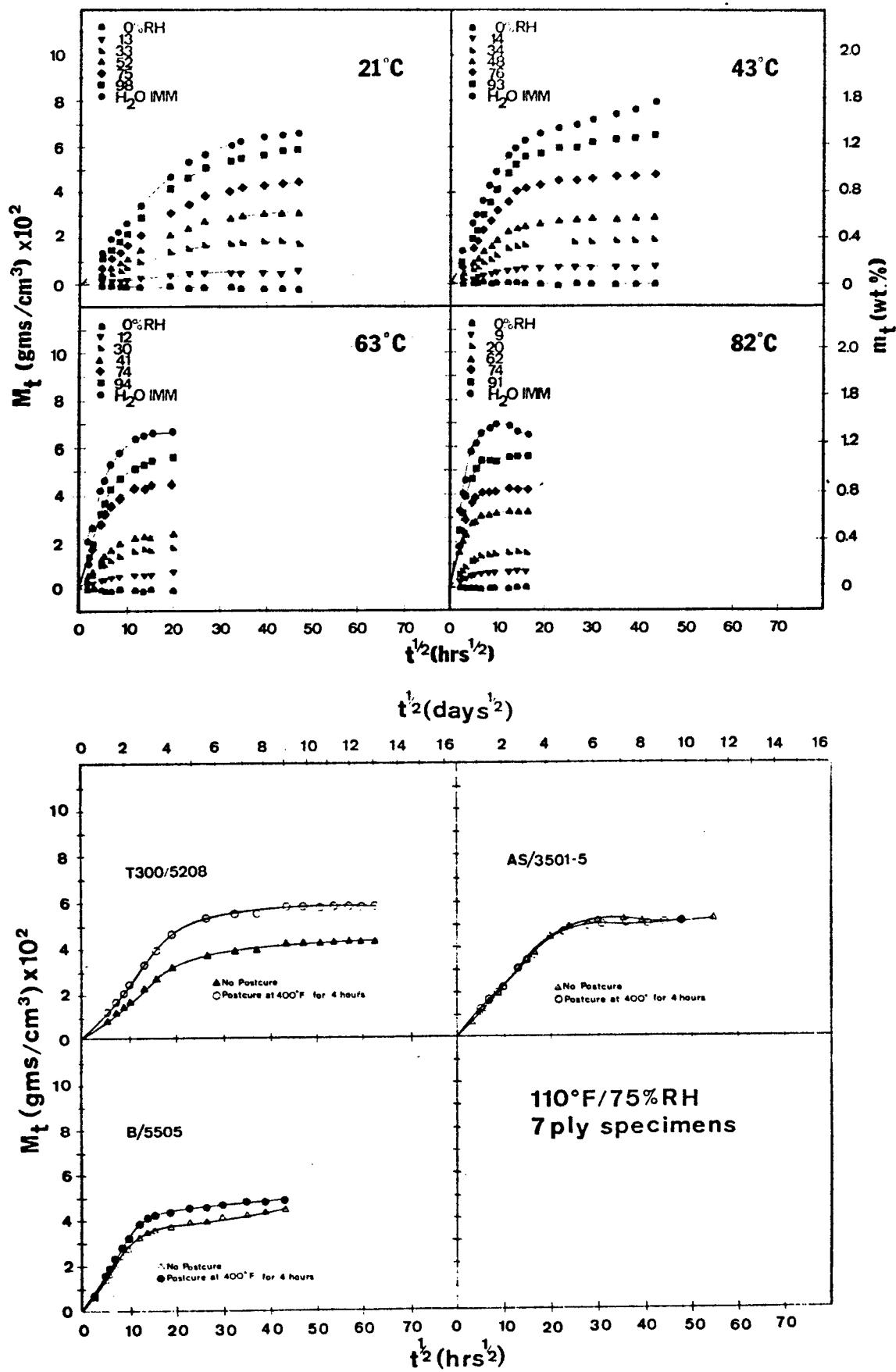
"KINETICS OF MOISTURE DIFFUSION IN THREE ADVANCED COMPOSITE EPOXY-RESIN MATRIX MATERIAL SYSTEMS," 4TH CONFERENCE ON FIBROUS COMPOSITES IN STRUCTURAL DESIGN, SAN DIEGO, NOV 1978

## PURPOSE/GOALS OF THIS STUDY

- TO ESTABLISH THE MECHANISM OR MECHANISMS OF MOISTURE SORPTION/DESORPTION IN THE REGIONS OF 0-100% RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND 70°-180°F FOR:
  - T300/5208
  - AS/3501-5
  - BORON/5505 } EPOXY RESIN MATRIX COMPOSITES
- TO ESTABLISH THE INFLUENCE OF THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS UPON MOISTURE SORPTION/DESORPTION IN EPOXY RESIN MATRIX COMPOSITES:
  - POSTCURE
  - PLY ORIENTATION/EDGE EFFECTS
  - MOISTURE CONCENTRATION/SWELLING EFFECTS
  - RESIN CONTENT
  - VOID CONTENT
  - ORGANIC COATINGS







## OBSERVED HYGROTHERMALLY INDUCED DAMAGE NONPOSTCURED

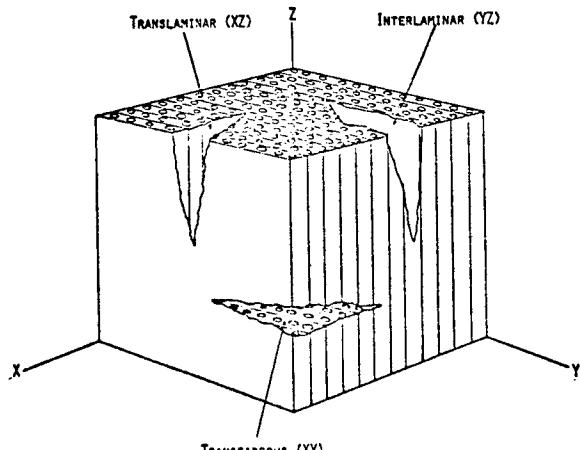
TEMP (°C)	REL. HUM. (%)	DAMAGE	
		SURFACE	EDGE
82	37	VS	S
	75	E	E
	98	E	S
	WATER IMMERSION	S	S

VS -- VERY SLIGHT (100X); S -- SLIGHT (500X); E -- EXTENSIVE (200X); AND,  
VE -- VERY EXTENSIVE (100X)

## OBSERVED HYGROTHERMALLY INDUCED DAMAGE POSTCURED

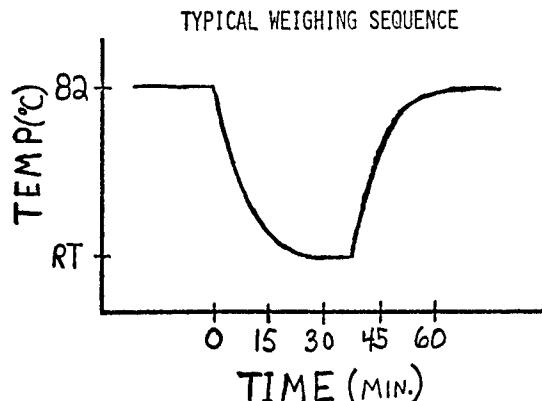
TEMP (°C)	REL. HUM. (%)	DAMAGE	
		SURFACE	EDGE
21	WATER IMMERSION	---	VS
43	WATER IMMERSION	VS	---
63	WATER IMMERSION	VS	VS
82	9	---	VS
	21	VS	VS
	37	S	S
	75	E	E
98	98	VE	E
	WATER IMMERSION	E	E

## DEFINITIONS OF CRACKS



## HYGROTHERMAL EXPOSURE SEQUENCE

- THE FORMATION OF THE MICROCRACKS CANNOT BE ATTRIBUTED SOLELY TO THE EFFECTS OF ABSORBED MOISTURE. THE EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES USED IN THIS STUDY INFLUENCED THE FORMATION OF THE MICROCRACKS.



## HYGROTHERMAL EXPOSURE SEQUENCE (cont.)

- THE RAPID COOL-DOWN RATE OF THE SPECIMENS CAUSES THE EXTERIOR TO BE COOLER THAN THE INTERIOR RESULTING IN A THERMALLY INDUCED SURFACE TENSILE STRESS.
- IN ADDITION, THE NONUNIFORM MOISTURE GRADIENT (A RESULT OF SURFACE DESORPTION DURING COOLING) AND THE ACCOMPANIED NONUNIFORM SWELLING WOULD RESULT IN THE FORMATION OF A SURFACE TENSILE STRESS.
- TOGETHER, THESE SURFACE TENSILE STRESSES ARE SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO CAUSE MICROCRACKING IN THE SURFACES OF THE LAMINATE VIA A CRAZING MECHANISM AT DEFECT SITES ON THE RESIN SURFACE.

## CONCLUSIONS

- MICROCRACKS WERE OBSERVED IN THE FACES AND EDGES OF POSTCURED AND NONPOSTCURED T300/5208 LAMINATES EXPOSED AT VARIOUS HYGROTHERMAL CONDITIONS.
  - THE MOST SEVERE MICROCRACKS WERE OBSERVED AT 82°C.
  - THE SEVERITY AND FREQUENCY OF MICROCRACKING INCREASED WITH RELATIVE HUMIDITY.
  - POSTCURED SPECIMENS GENERALLY FORMED MORE SEVERE MICROCRACKS THAN IDENTICALLY EXPOSED NONPOSTCURED SPECIMENS.
  - TRANSLAMINAR MICROCRACKS ON THE FACES OF THE SPECIMENS WERE BOTH MORE FREQUENT AND MORE SEVERE THAN TRANSFIBROUS MICROCRACKS.
  - INTERLAMINAR AND TRANSLAMINAR MICROCRACKS OCCURRED IN THE EDGES OF THE SPECIMENS. HYGROTHERMALLY INDUCED DELAMINATIONS ALSO OCCURRED BETWEEN ADJACENT LAMINAEE.
  - THE PRESENCE OF ANISOTROPIC SWELLING STRESSES BETWEEN ADJACENT ORTHOGONALLY ORIENTED LAMINAEE WAS INDICATED BY MICROCRACK FORMATION ALONG THE INTERFACE OF THE LAMINAEE.

## CONCLUSIONS (cont.)

- ④ THE FORMATION OF THESE MICROCRACKS CANNOT BE ATTRIBUTED SOLELY TO THE EFFECTS OF ABSORBED MOISTURE. RATHER, THE EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES USED TO MONITOR THE SPECIMEN WEIGHT GAINS DURING THEIR HYGROTHERMAL EXPOSURES WOULD SUBJECT THE SPECIMENS TO AN INVERTED THERMAL SPIKE WHICH MIGHT INITIATE MICROCRACKING.
- ⑤ SPECIMENS WITH EXTENSIVE MICROCRACKS ALSO EXHIBITED NONFICKIAN DIFFUSION ANOMALIES DURING THEIR HYGROTHERMAL EXPOSURE.

### STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESEARCH

#### PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS:

- "LIFE PREDICTION FOR COMPOSITES," 14TH ANNUAL SES MEETING, LEHIGH U, NOV 1977
- "DAMAGE ACCUMULATION IN NOTCHED QUASI-ISOTROPIC GRAPHITE-EPOXY," ASTM COMMITTEE E9 MEETING, ATLANTA, NOV 1977
- "IMPROVED LOAD INTRODUCTION TAB DESIGN FOR COMPOSITE MATERIALS TESTING," NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 1978
- "COMPARISON OF HOLOGRAPHIC, RADIOPHASIC, AND ULTRASONIC TECHNIQUES FOR DAMAGE DETECTION IN COMPOSITE MATERIALS," 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPOSITE MATERIALS, TORONTO, APRIL 1978
- "EFFECT OF MOISTURE ON DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF RESIN MATRIX COMPOSITES," 23RD NATIONAL SAMPE SYMPOSIUM, 1978
- "HOLOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES FOR DEFECT DETECTION IN COMPOSITE MATERIALS," ASTM CONFERENCE ON NDE AND FLAW CRITICALITY FOR COMPOSITE MATERIALS, PHILADELPHIA, OCT 1978
- "EFFECT OF PANEL-TO-PANEL VARIABILITY IN COMPOSITES," 4TH CONFERENCE ON FIBROUS COMPOSITES IN STRUCTURAL DESIGN, SAN DIEGO, NOV 1978

### DAMAGE ACCUMULATION STUDIES

OBJECTIVE: DOCUMENT DAMAGE ACCUMULATION PROCESS IN GRAPHITE-EPOXY COMPOSITES  
MODEL THE DAMAGE ACCUMULATION PROCESS  
IF NECESSARY, DEVELOP EXPERIMENTAL METHODS FOR DOCUMENTING DAMAGE IN COMPOSITES

APPROACH: DOCUMENT DAMAGE ACCUMULATION PROCESS DURING STATIC AND FATIGUE BY USE OF  
HOLOGRAPHIC INTERFEROMETRY  
TBE ENHANCED X-RAY RADIOPHASIC  
ULTRASONIC NDE METHODS  
VARIOUS PENETRANTS

RESULTS: APPLICABILITY OF HOLOGRAPHIC INTERFEROMETRY DEMONSTRATED  
ENHANCED STEREO X-RAY RADIOPHASIC PROGRAM FUNDED BY LDF

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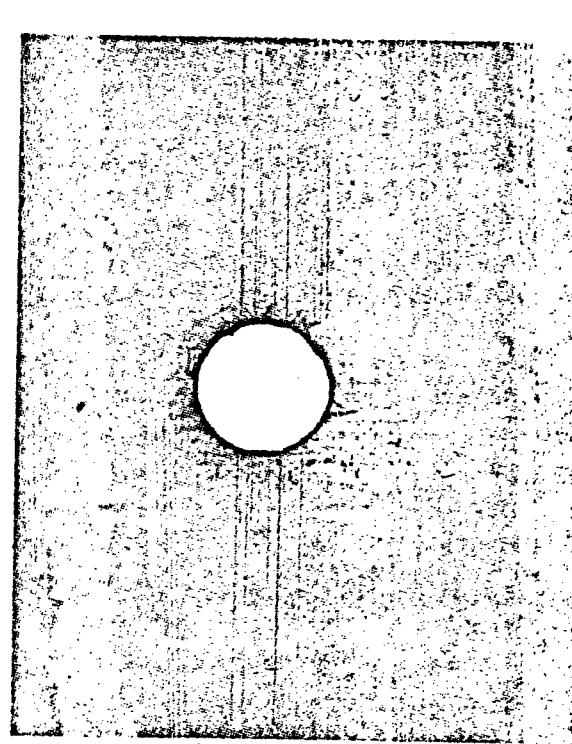
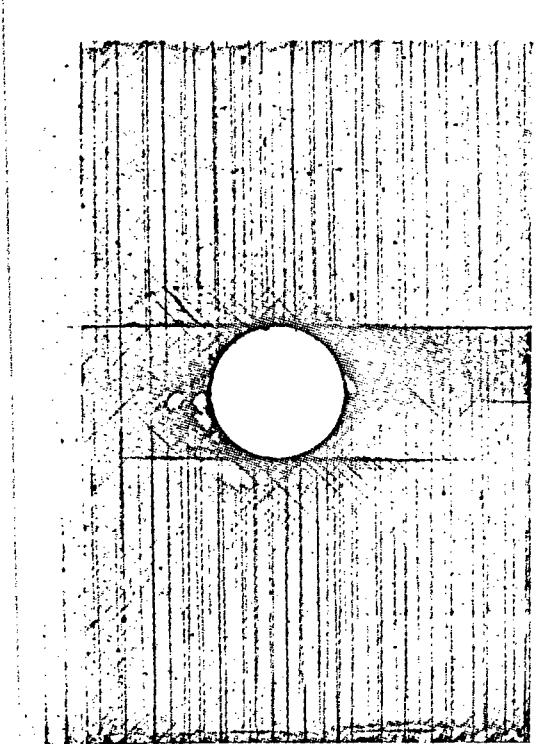
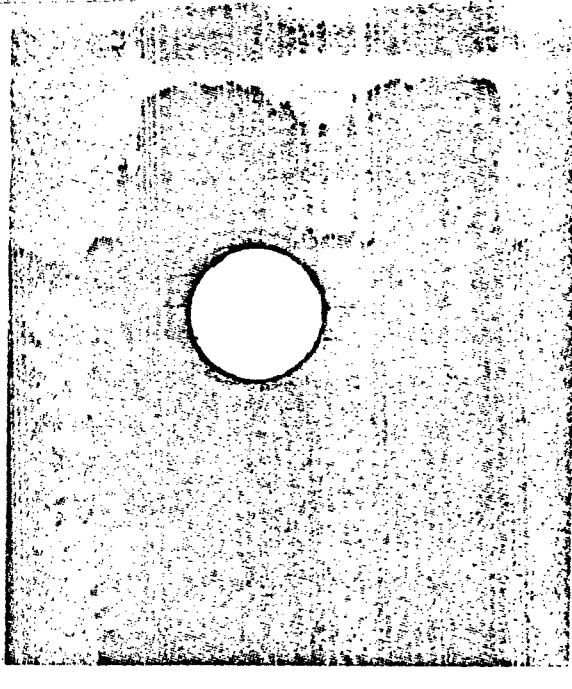
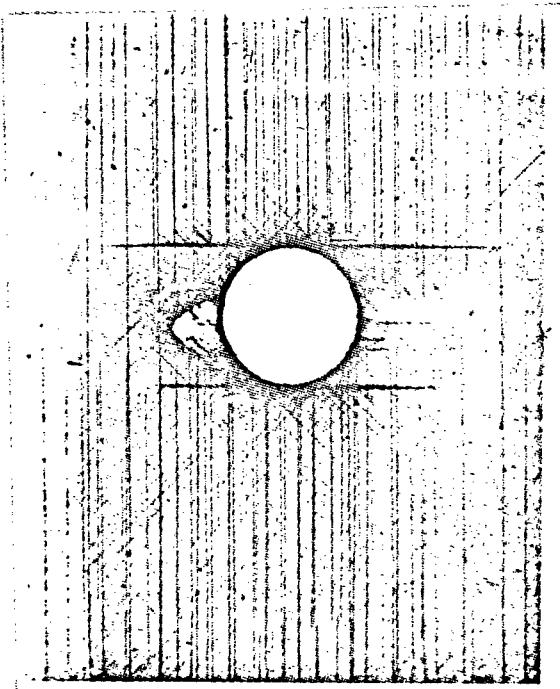
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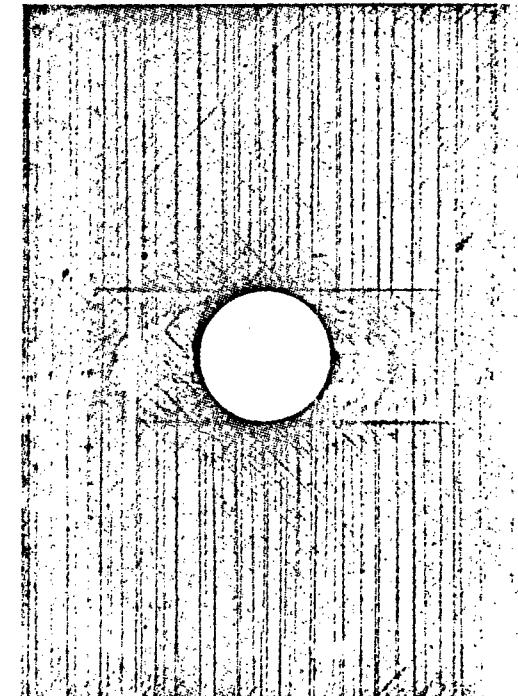
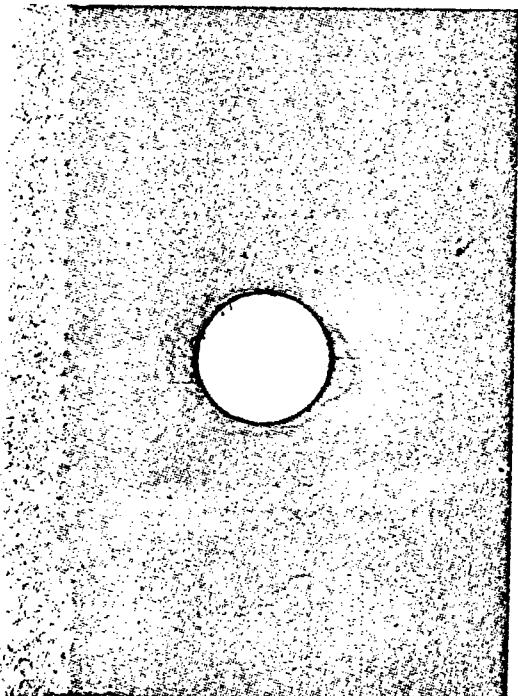
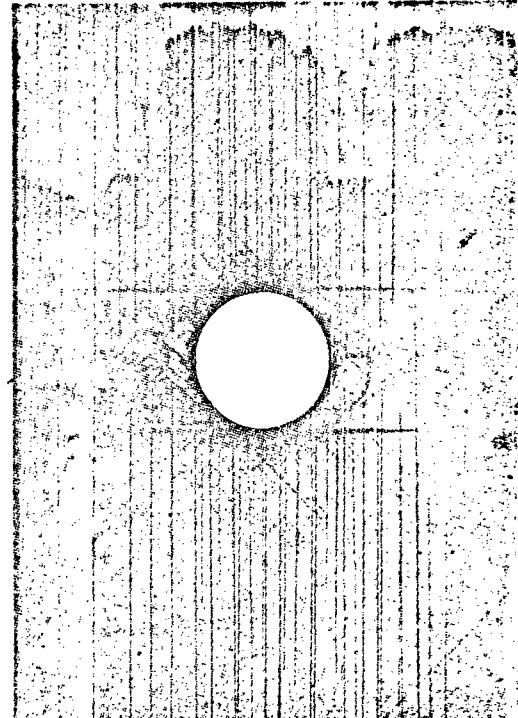
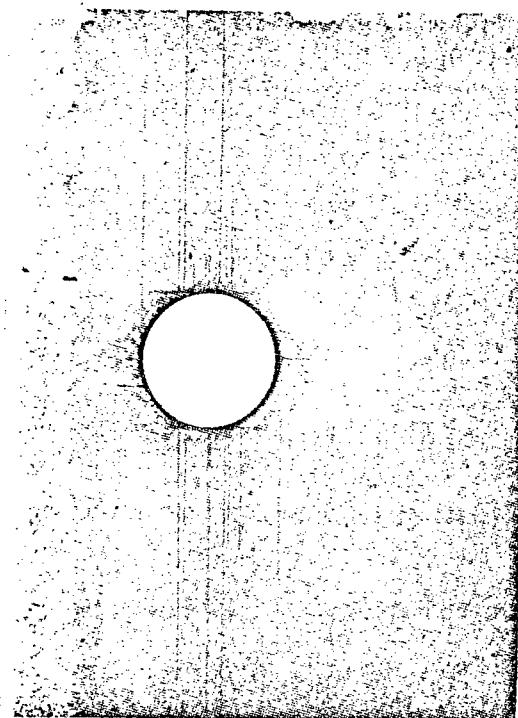
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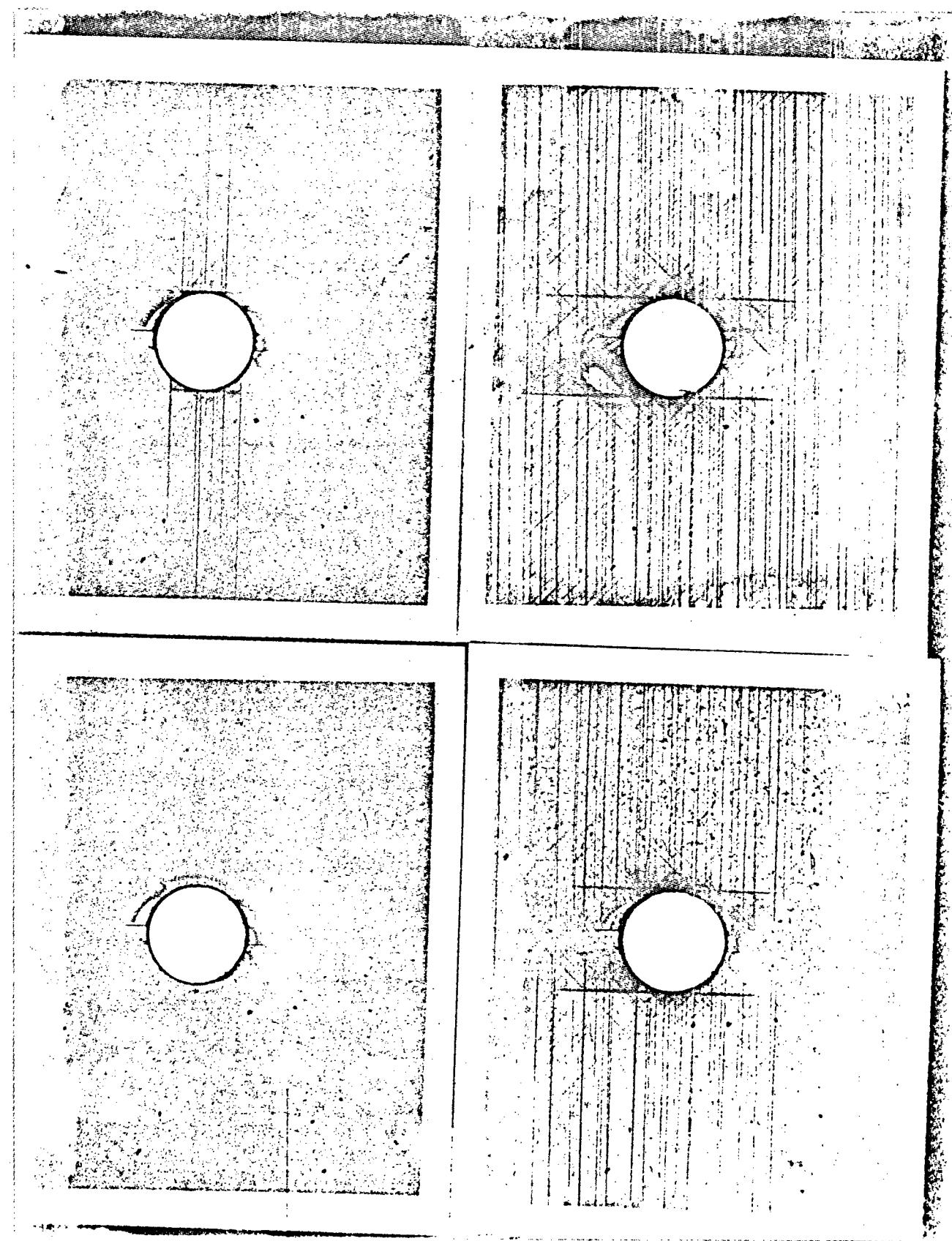
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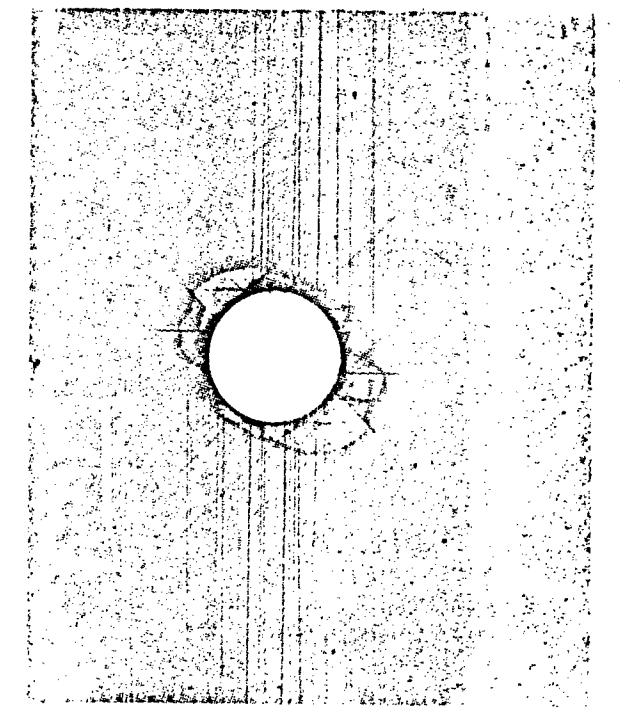
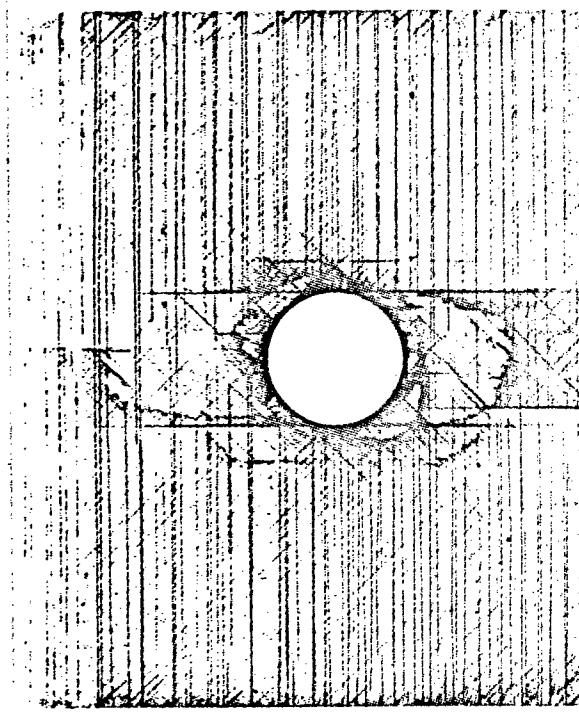
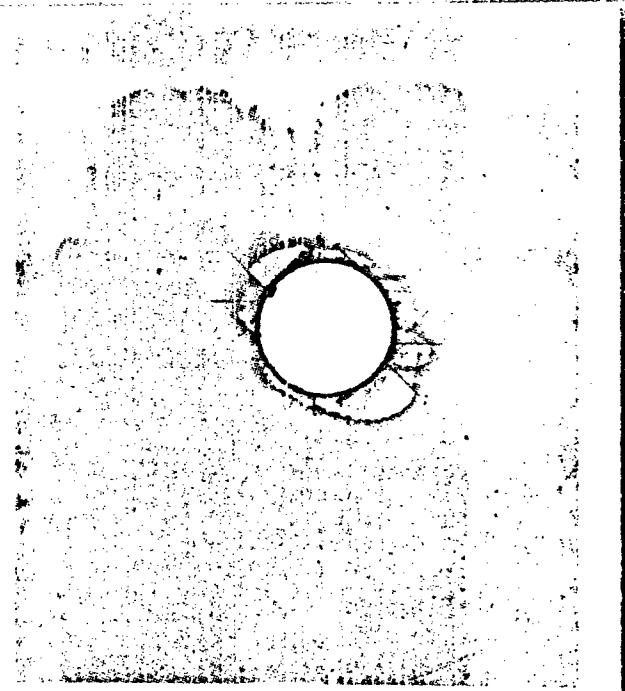
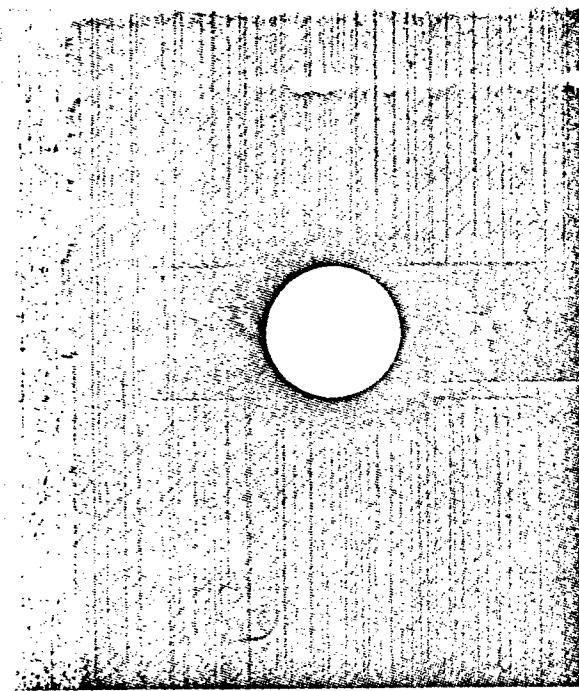
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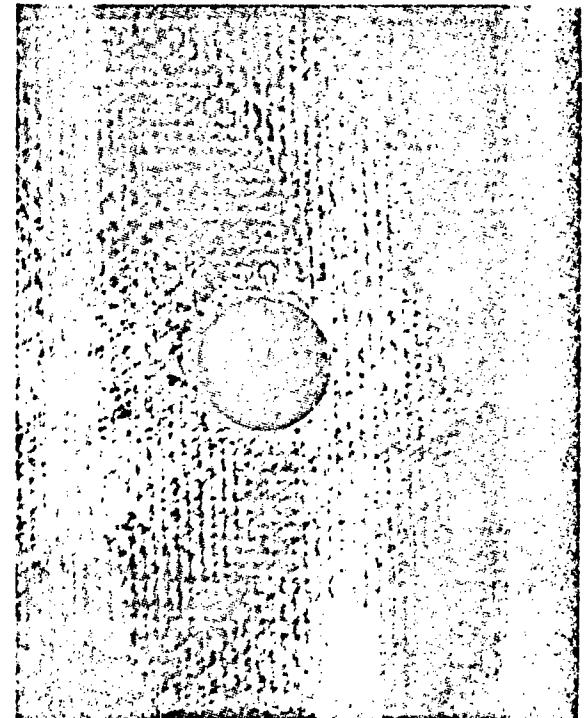
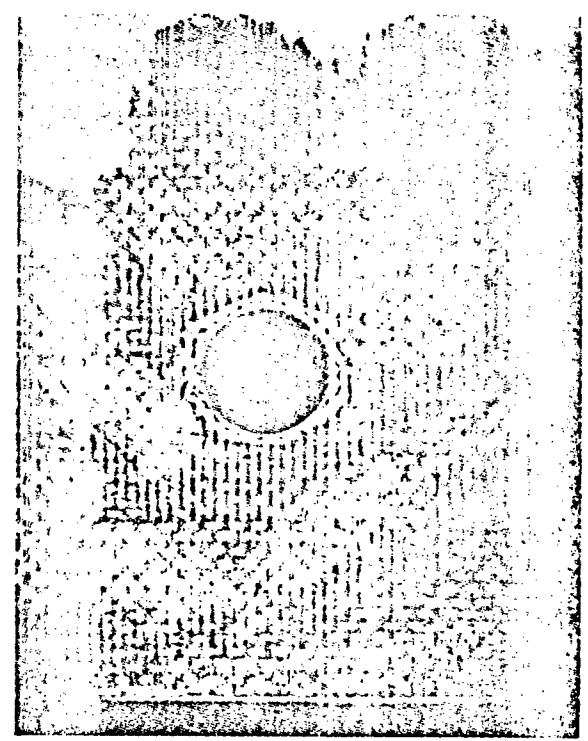
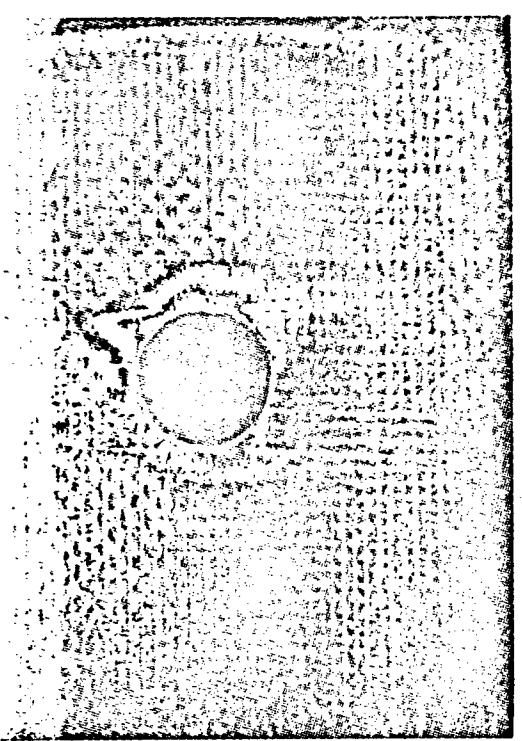
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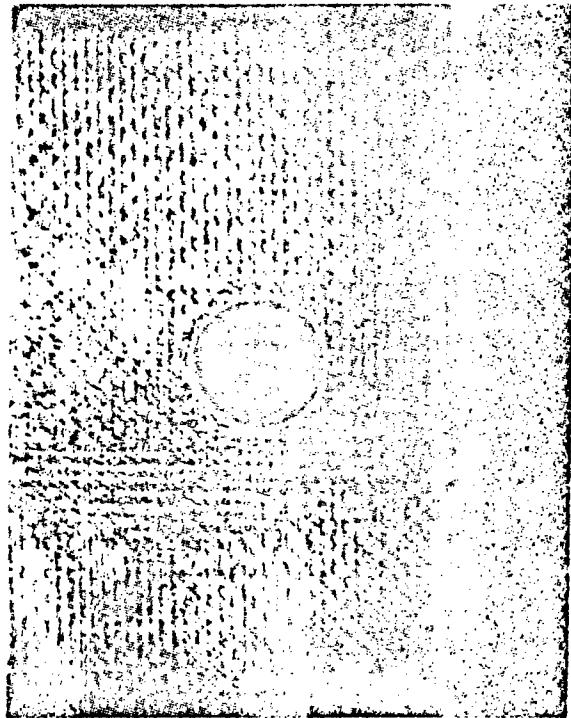
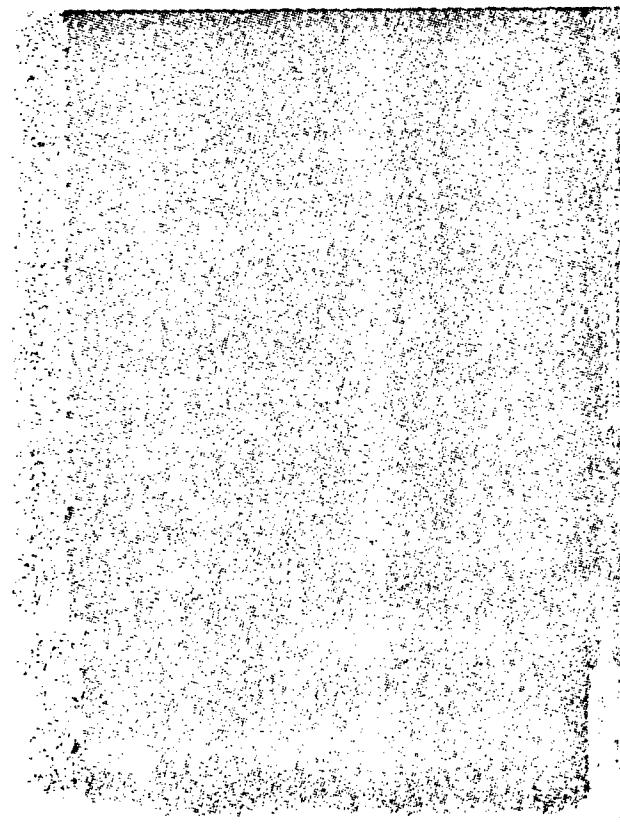
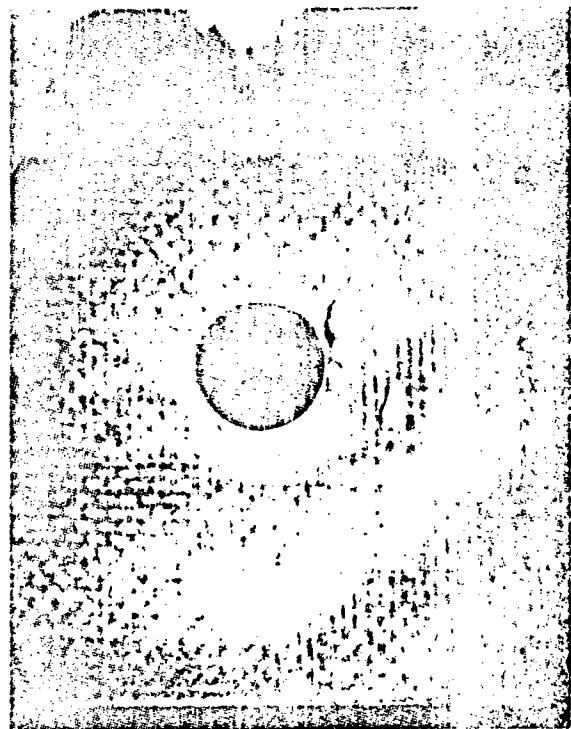
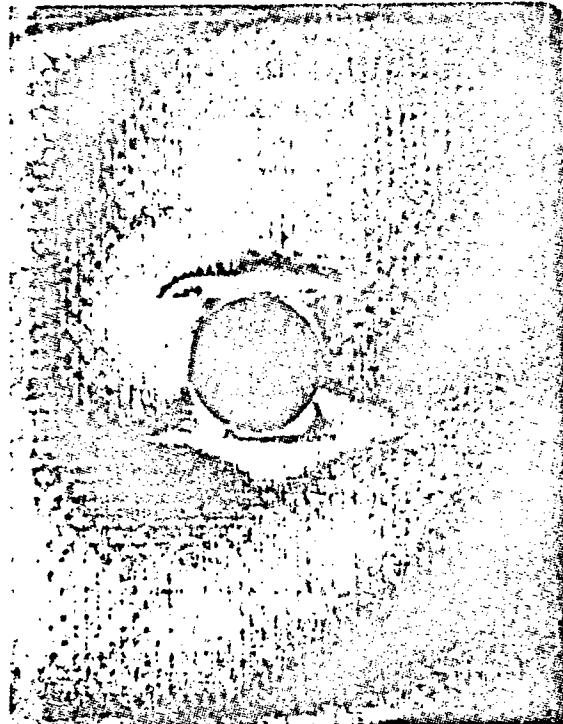


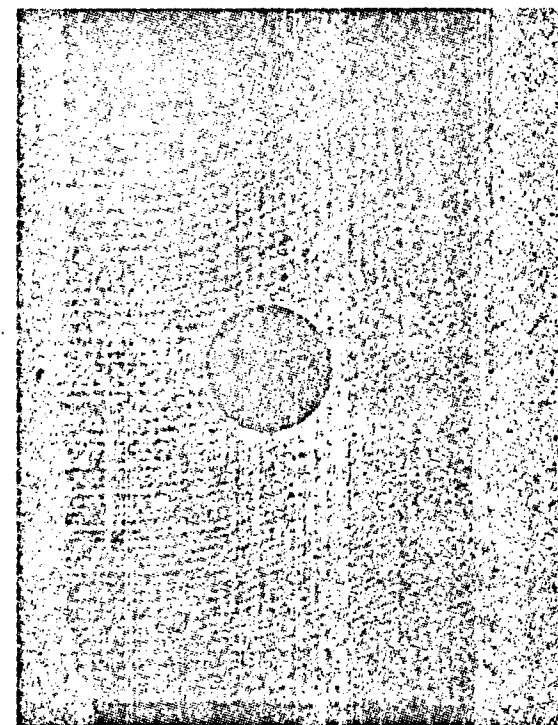
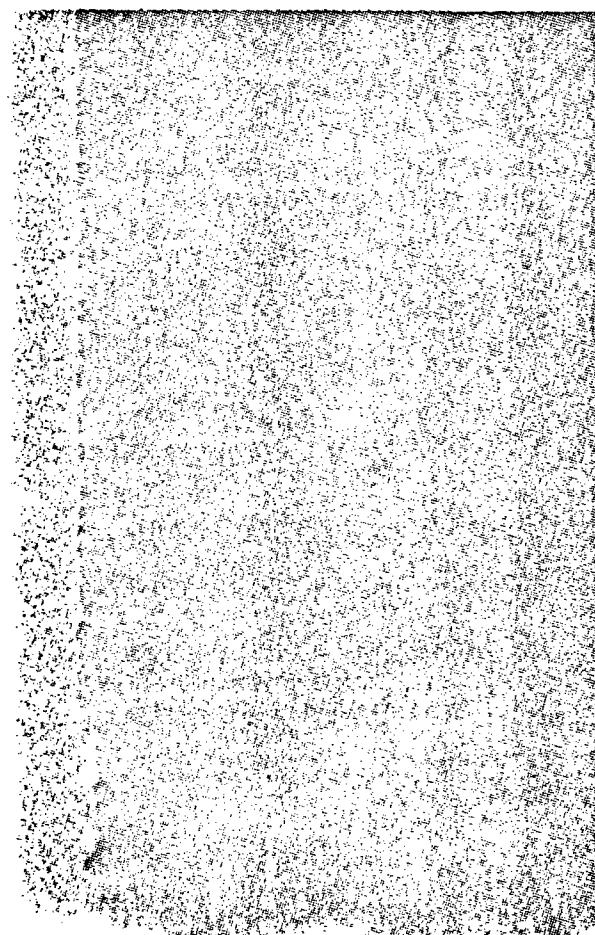
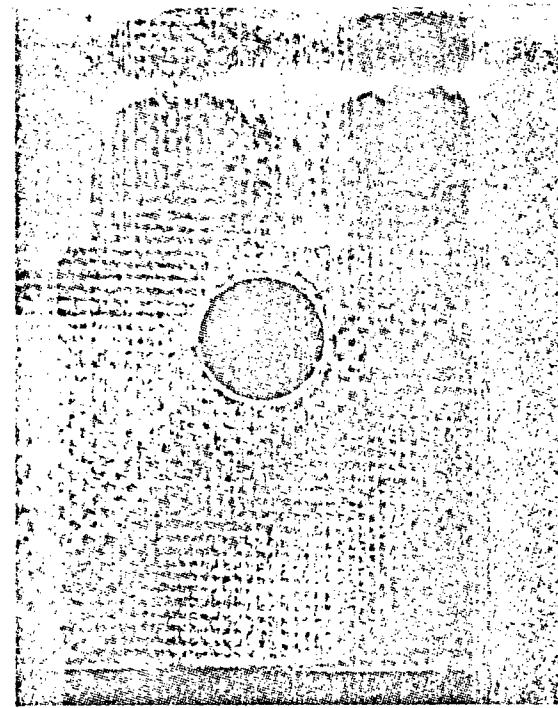
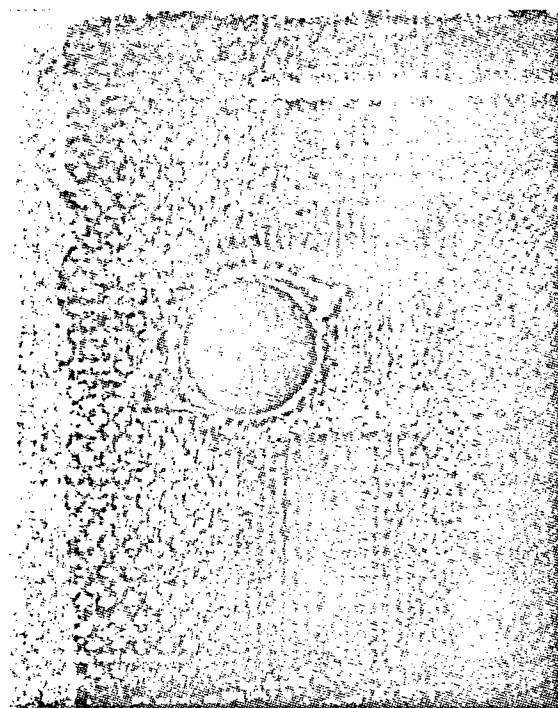


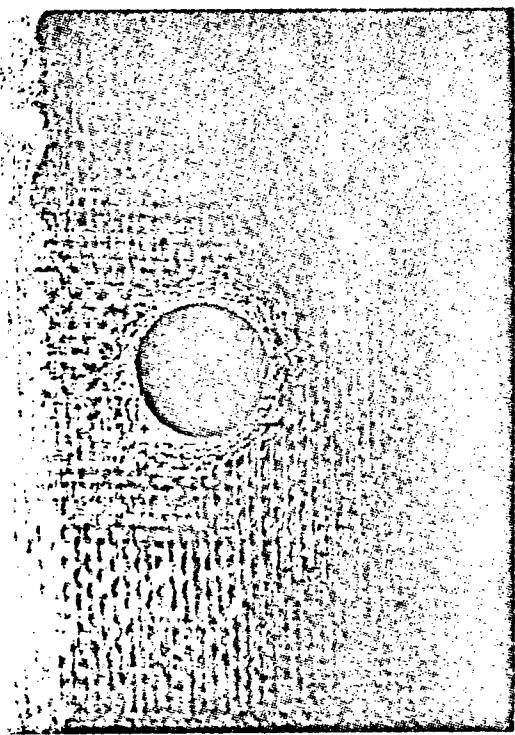




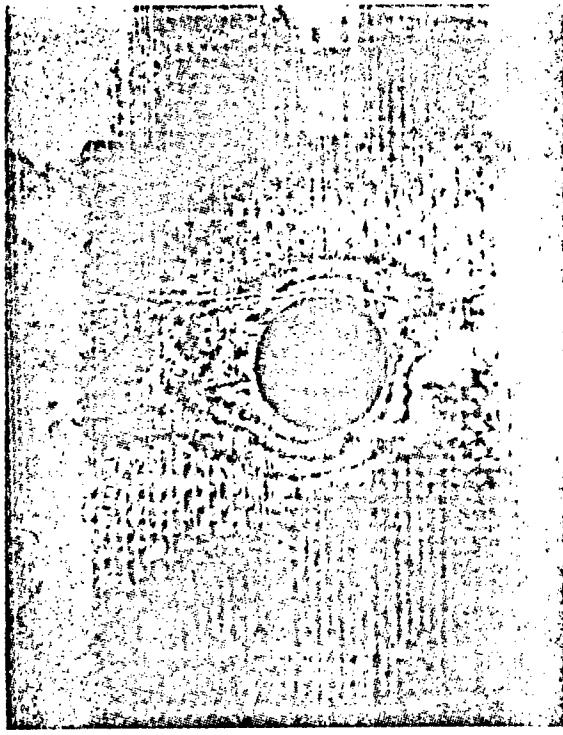




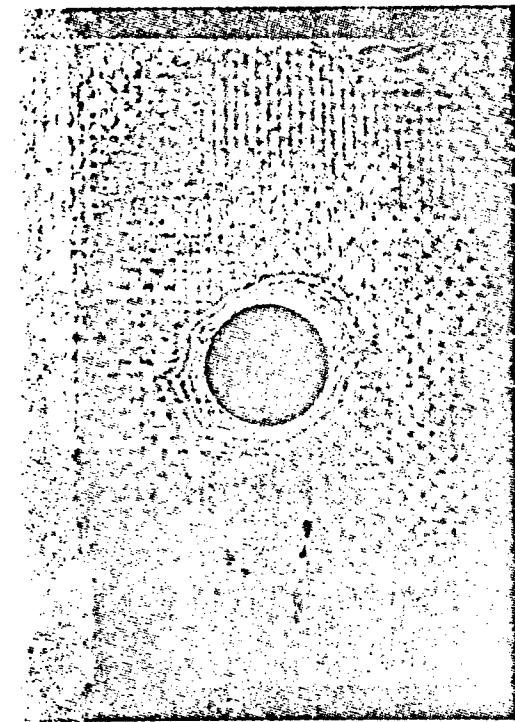




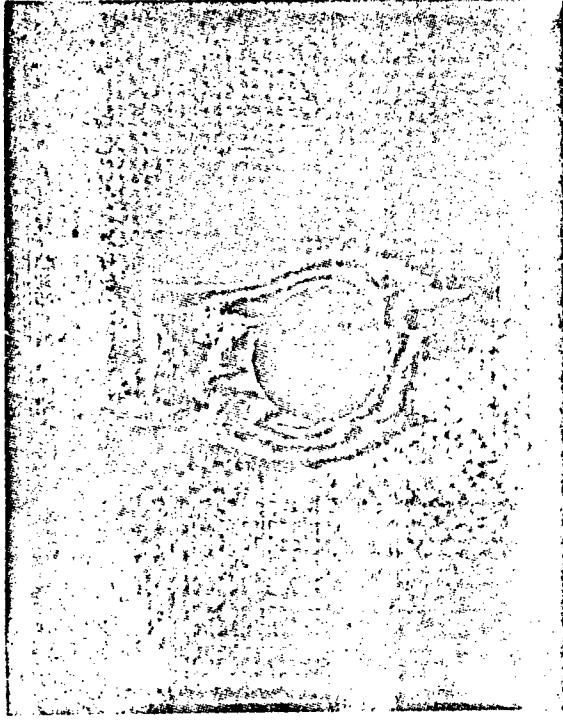
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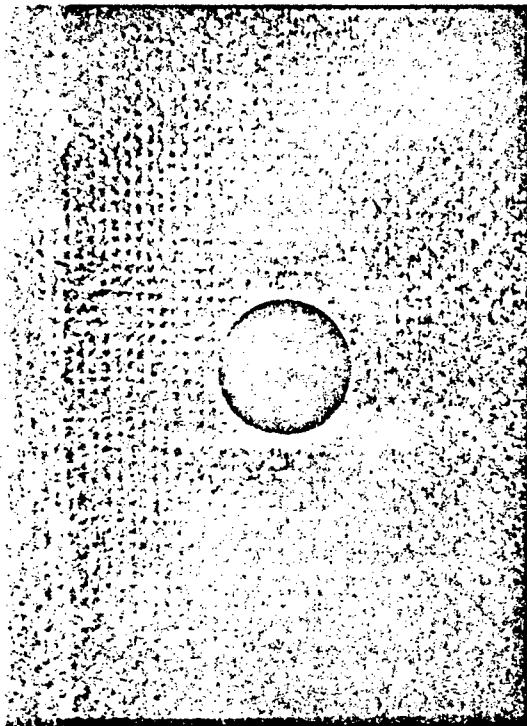
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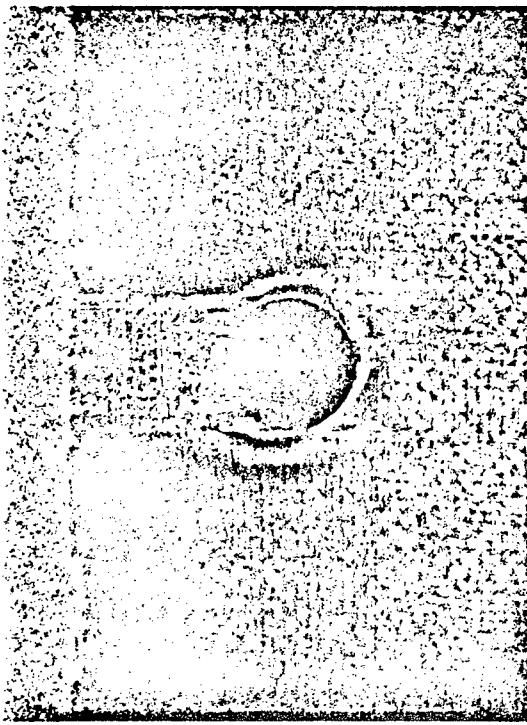


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# FATIGUE SPECTRUM SENSITIVITY STUDY FOR ADVANCED COMPOSITE MATERIALS

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## FATIGUE SPECTRUM SENSITIVITY STUDY

### OBJECTIVE

- EXPERIMENTALLY DETERMINE SENSITIVITY OF FATIGUE PROPERTIES TO FIGHTER FATIGUE SPECTRA LOADING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTENTS
- DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR DERIVING REALISTIC ACCELERATED/TRUNCATED FATIGUE SPECTRUM SIMULATION

# PARAMETRIC TEST MATRIX

		STATIC	V BASELINE	FREQUENCY EFFECTS				TRUNCATION EFFECTS			STRESS LEVEL EFFECTS		V EXTENDED L.T. EFFECTS	
RMS				STANDARD		STANDARD		STANDARD		$K_1 =$ STANDARD		$K_2 =$ STD.		
TRUNCATION	V	8/2		STANDARD (8/2)				7.33/2	10/2	8/1	STD (8/2)		STD (8/2)	
FREQUENCY (Hz)		5		0.5		VARIABLE		REAL	5	5	5	5	5	
				(~5) AVG		(+5) AVG								
LOAD RATE		VAR.		VAR.	12 K/S	12 K/S DWELL	12 K/S	REAL	VAR.	VAR.	VAR.	VAR.	VAR.	
DURATION (L.T.)				1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	
TASK	ENVIRONMENT												UNTIL FATIGUE FAILURE	
I	RTD	BONDED C BOLTED T	20 20 20	20 20 20	20 20 20	40 40 40	20 20 20	20 20 20	10 10 10	20 20 20	20 20 20	20 20 20	20 20 10	
IIA	LTW	BONDED C BOLTED T	20 20 20											
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IIIB	TBD	BONDED BOLTED	30 20											
MOISTURE/TEMPERATURE CHARACTERIZATION														
III	TBD	AIRCRAFT USAGE AND SPECIMEN CHARACTERISTICS												

V BASELINE SPECTRUM (SAME FOR ALL TASKS)

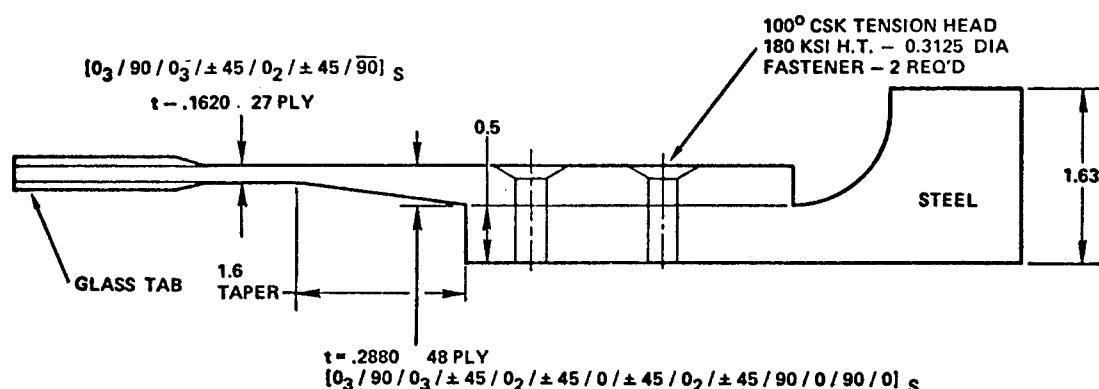
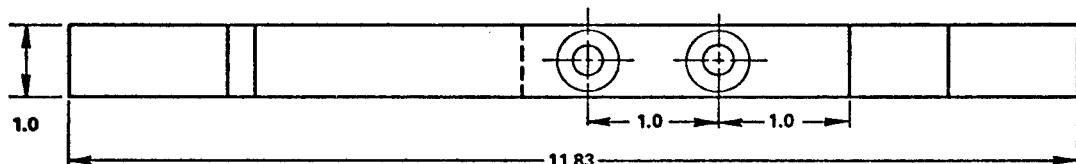
V MULTIPLICATION FACTORS ( $K_1$  AND  $K_2$ ) TO BE ESTABLISHED.

V NUMBERS SHOWN DENOTE UPPER AND LOWER POSITIVE LOAD FACTOR RANGE (E.G., 8/2 = 8<sub>U</sub> UPPER, 2<sub>L</sub> LOWER).

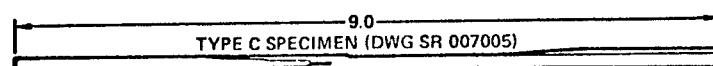
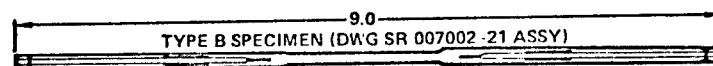
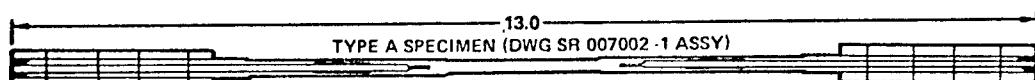
V THESE SPECIMENS TO BE HTW ONLY (NO MISSION PROFILE).

//// INDICATES TESTS  
COMPLETED OR IN TEST  
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## BOLTED JOINT SPECIMEN

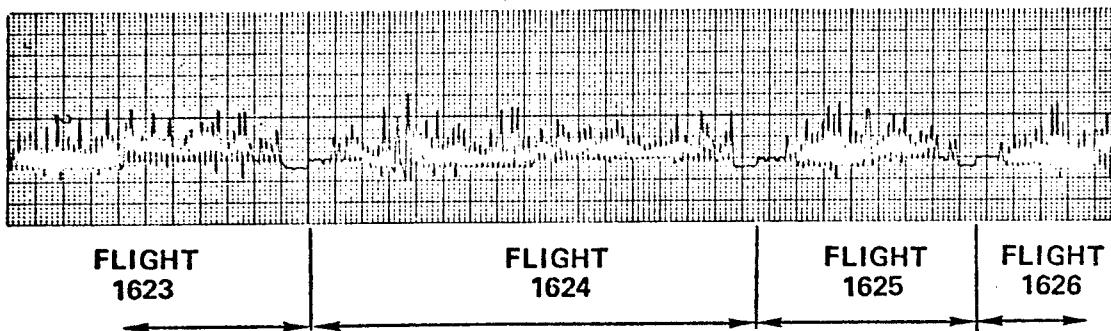


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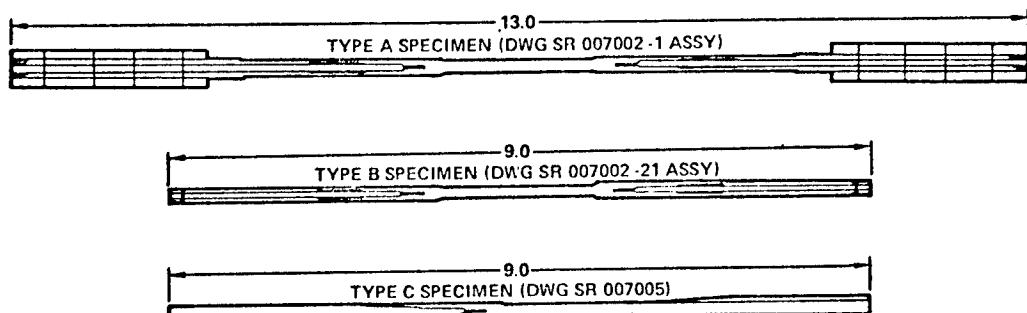


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2		STATIC COMP	A	20
3		BASELINE (5 Hz)	B	40
4		BASELINE (5 Hz) (1 LT)	B	20
5		(0.5 Hz)	B	20
6		12 KIPS/SEC	B	20
7		1.2 KIPS/SEC	B	20
8		1.2 KIPS/SEC (DWELL)	B	20
9/13	TEN/COMP	REAL TIME	A	20
10	COMP	5 Hz (COMP)	C	20
11	COMP	5 Hz (COMP)	C	20
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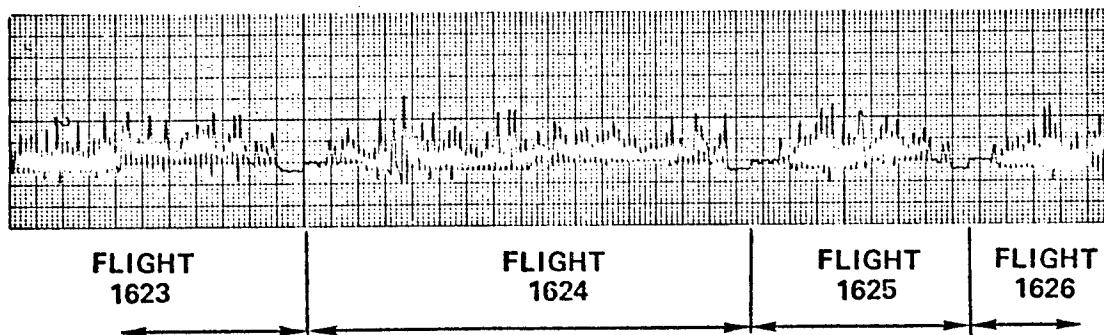


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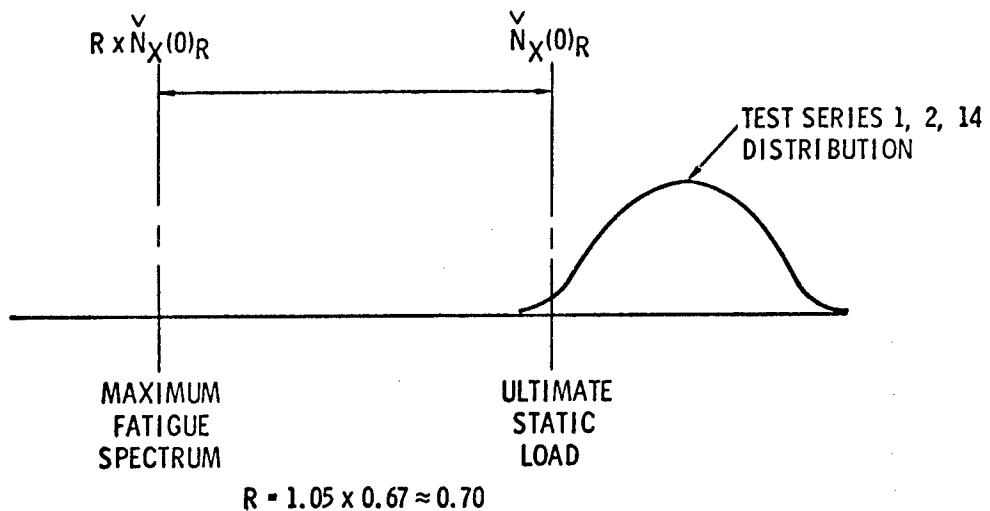


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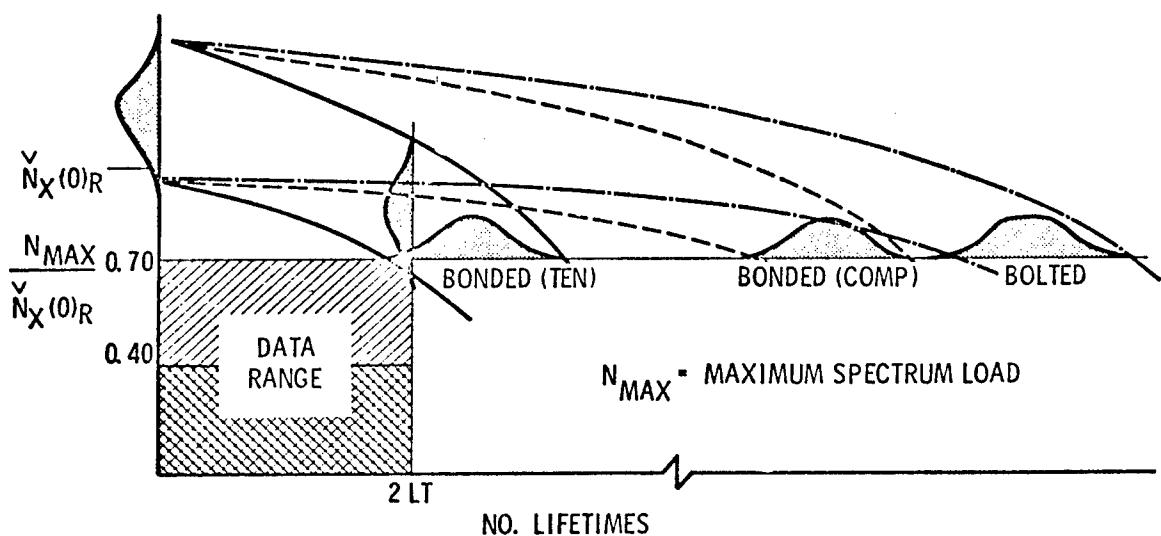
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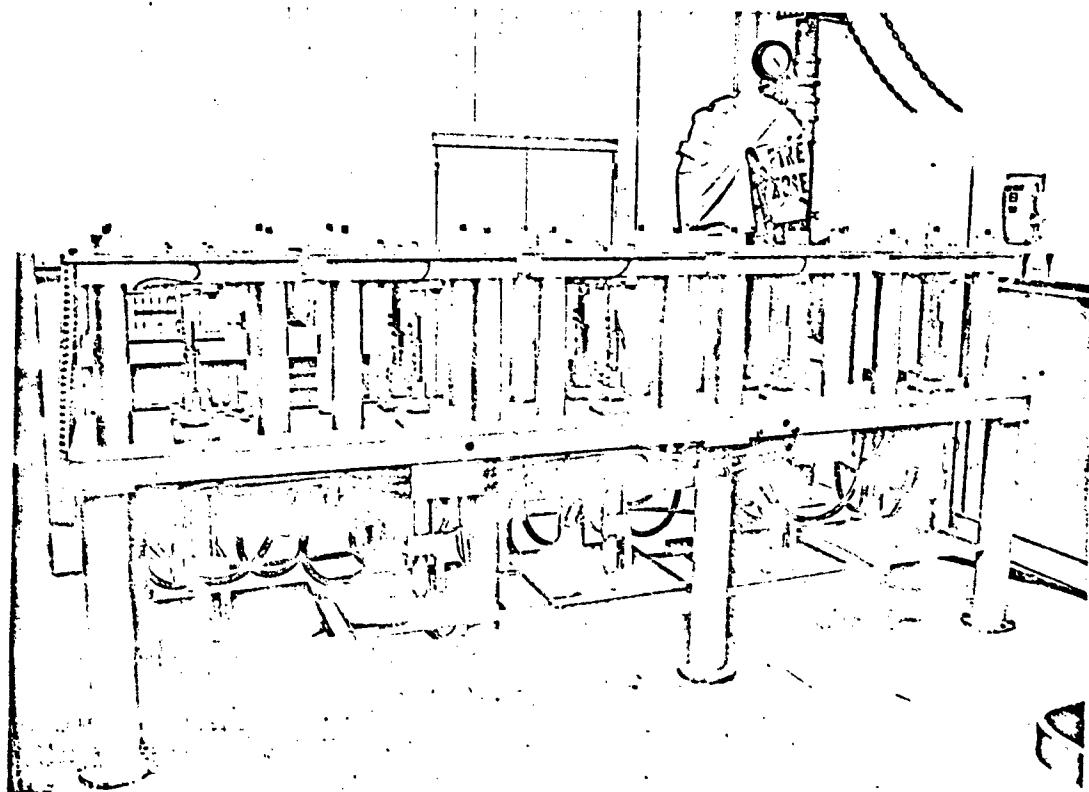
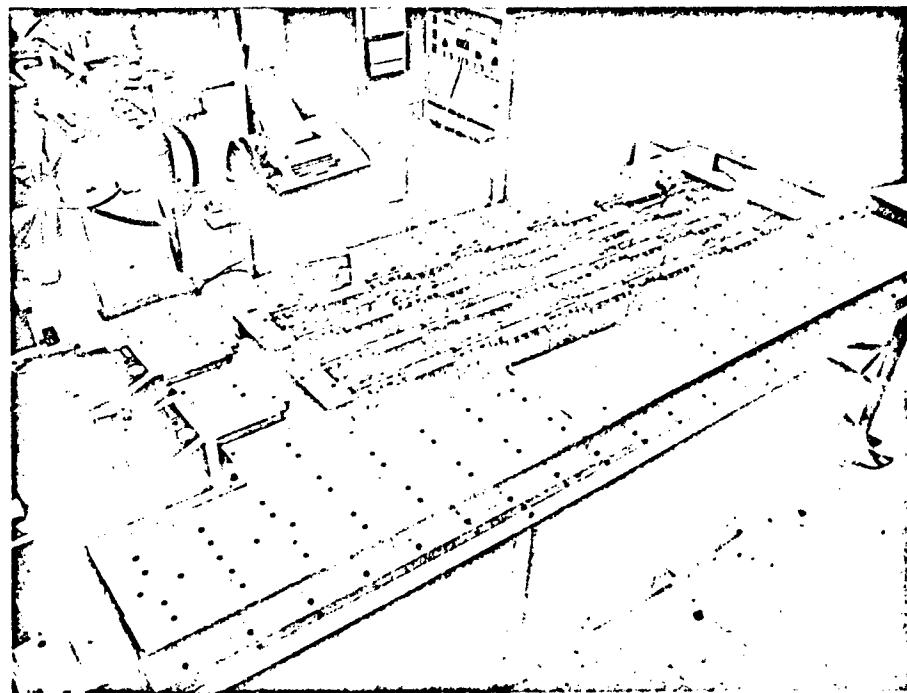
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## SPECTRUM SEVERITY PHILOSOPHY (CONT'D)



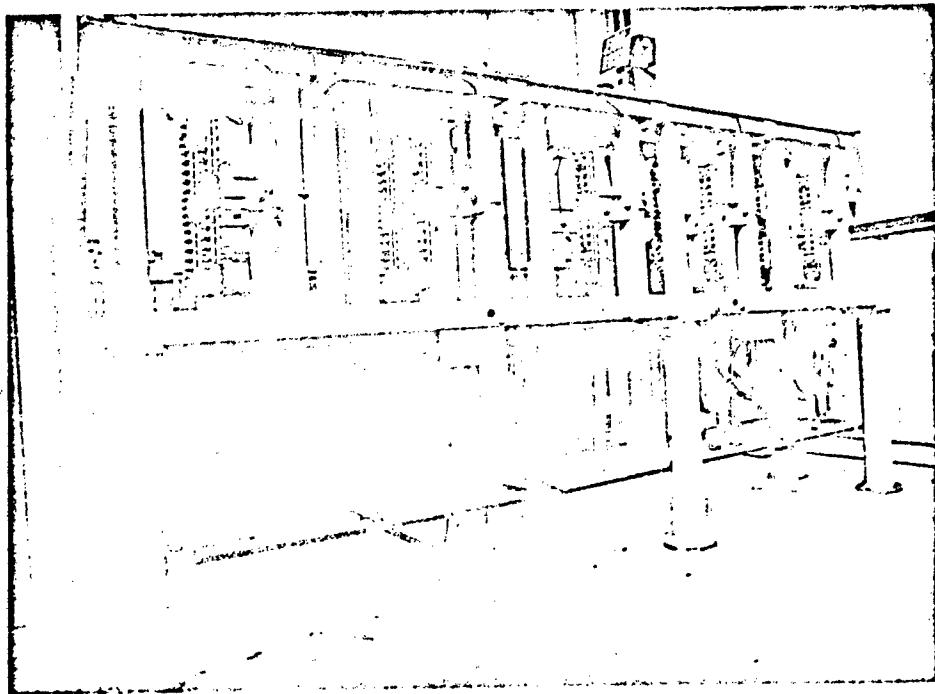
**MULTI-STATION DURABILITY TEST UNIT (MSDTU)**  
**REAL TIME RTD AND RTW BONDED SPECIMEN TEST**



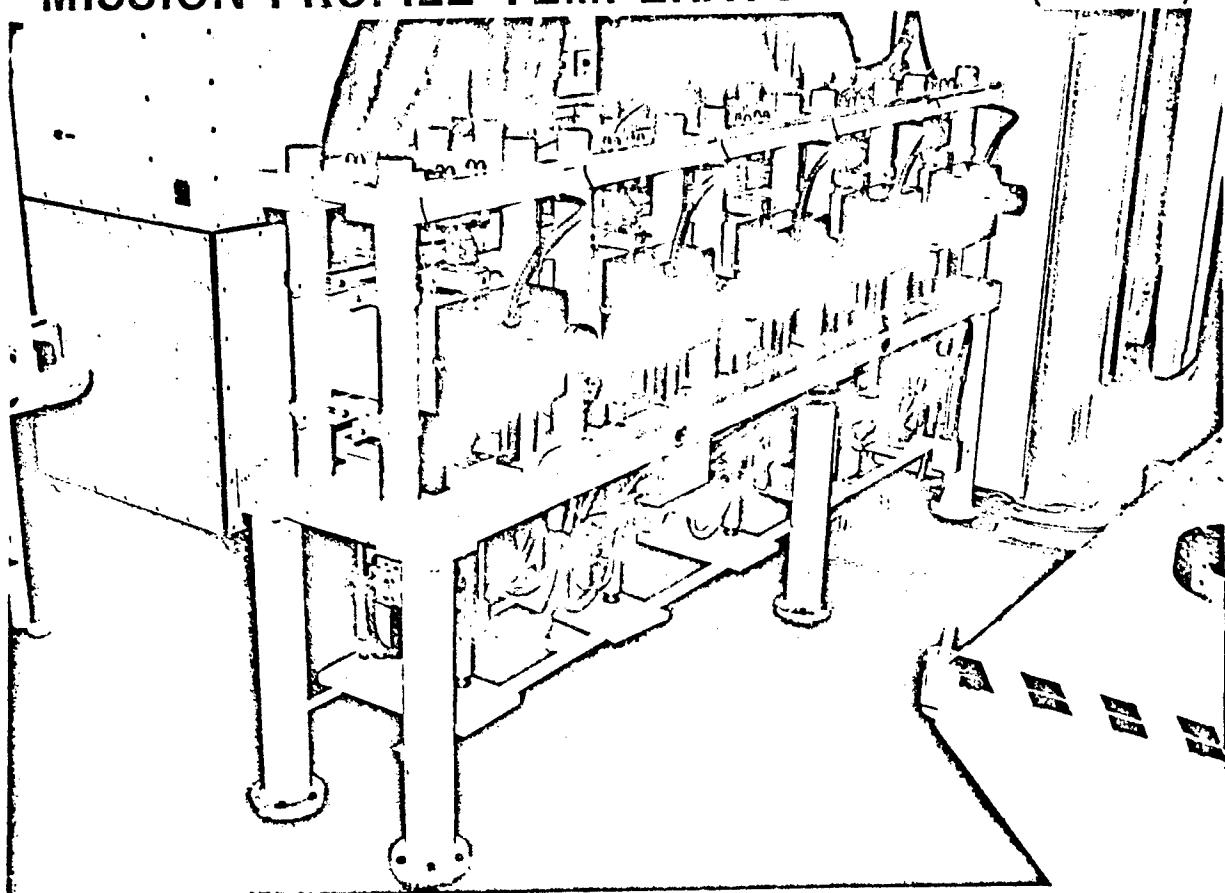
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FIGURE 15. BOLTED JOINT MULTISPECIMEN TEST FIXTURE WITH SPECIMENS IN PLACE  
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## RTD BONDED SPECIMEN FATIGUE TEST

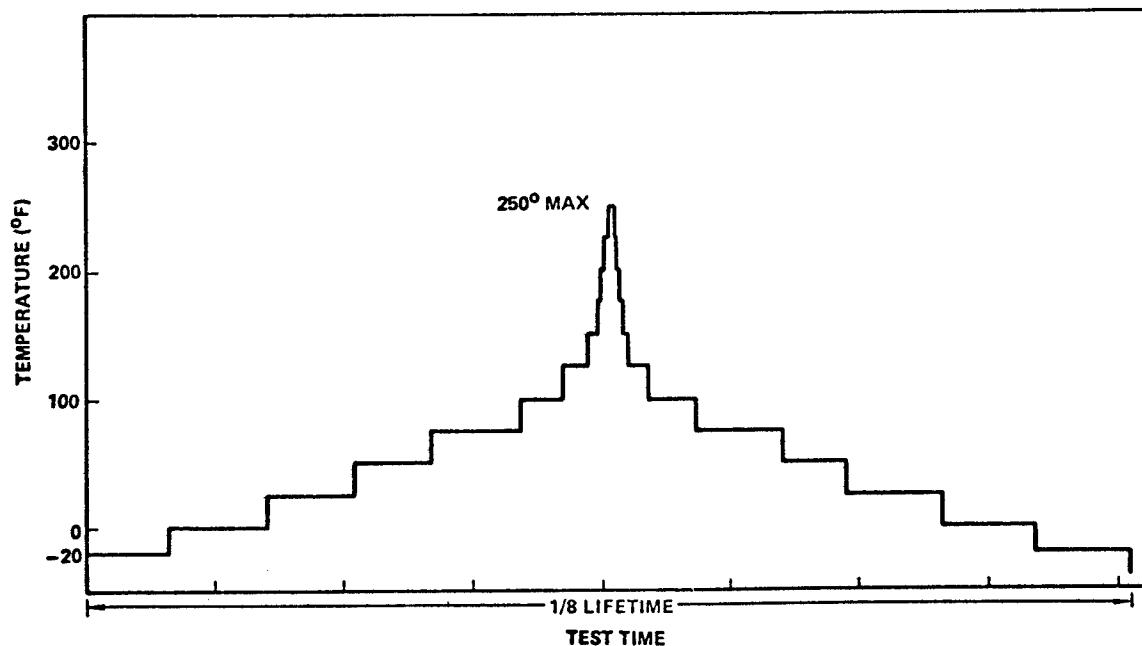


## MISSION PROFILE TEMPERATURE UNIT (MPTU)



# TEMPERATURE (°F) VERSUS NUMBERS OF MISSIONS

BLOCK LENGTH = 408 MISSIONS OR 1/8 LIFE



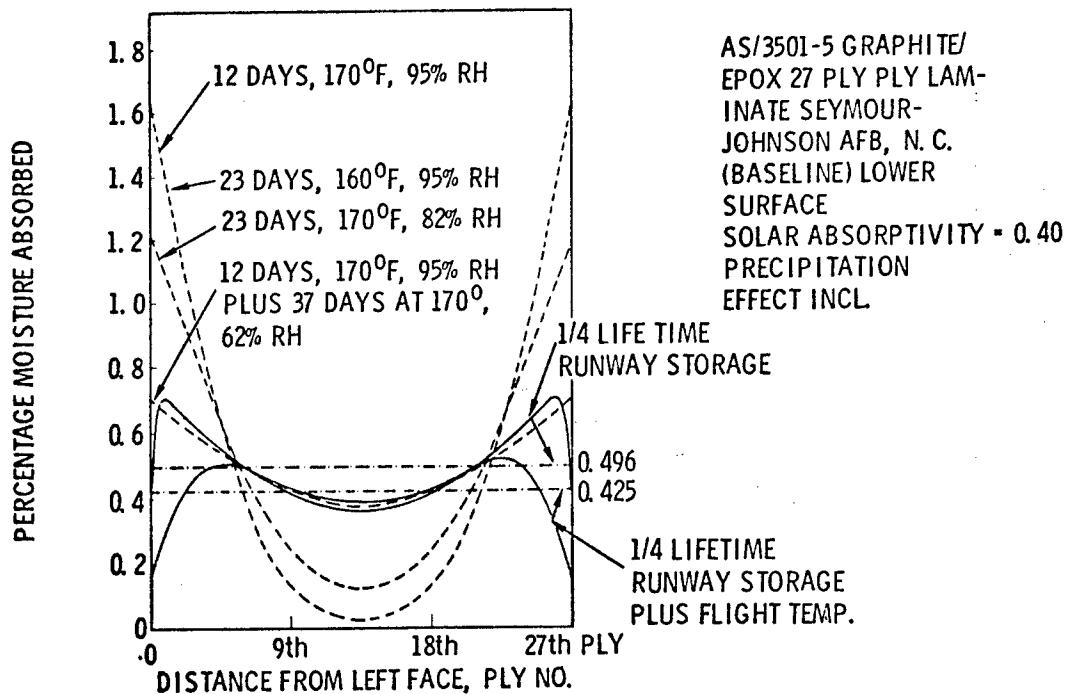
## ACCELERATED ENVIRONMENTAL/ LOAD SPECTRUM MODEL LOWER SURFACE (TENSION DOMINATED SPECTRUM)

BASELINE FIGHTER BASE: SEYMORE-JOHNSON AFB, N.C. INCLUDES PRECIPITATION AND  
SOLAR ABSORPTIVITY (S.A. = 0.40) 27 PLY AS/3501-5 GRAPHITE/EPOXY

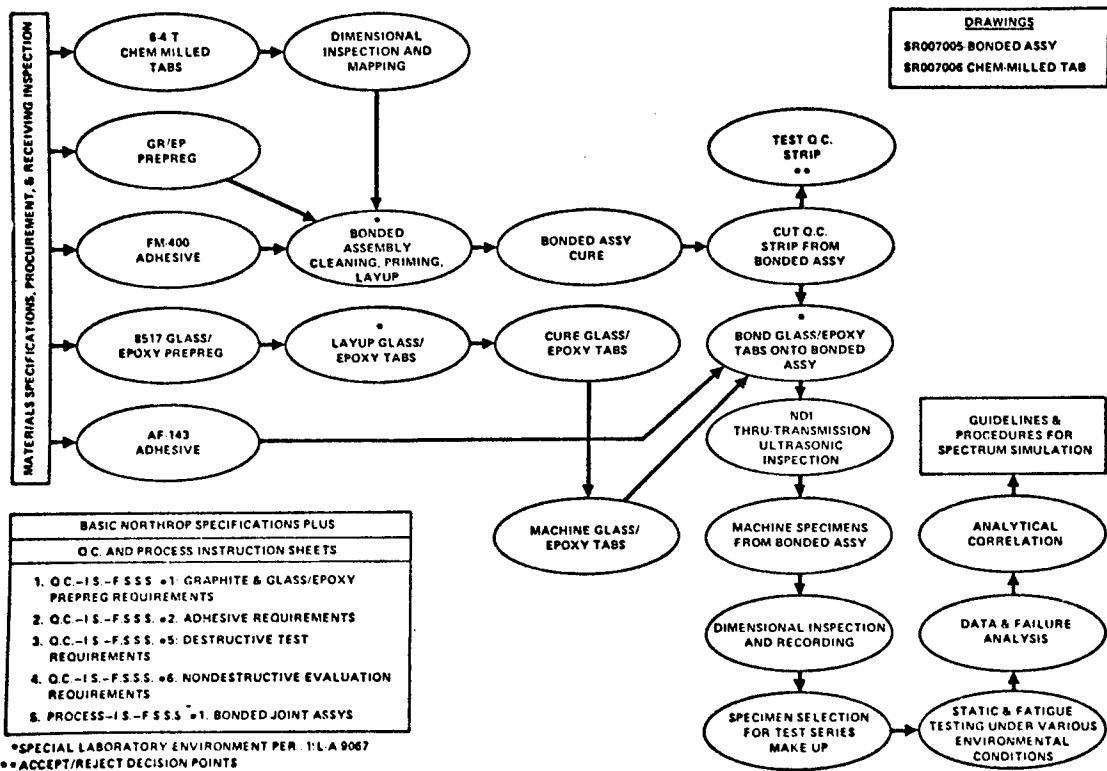
1. ACCELERATED RUNWAY STORAGE EXPOSURE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:  
EXPOSURE OF COMPOSITE TO THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS TO ACHIEVE A MOISTURE  
ABSORPTION EQUIVALENT TO AN EXPOSURE OF:  
  
FIRST  $\frac{1}{4}$  LT {  
    { a. 6 HOURS @ 54.2°F/85.8% RH  
    { b. 6 HOURS @ 66.7°F/60.3% RH  
    { c. 6 HOURS @ 74.9°F/48.1% RH  
    { d. 6 HOURS @ 60.0°F/75.1% RH  
    { e. 6 HOURS @ 54.2°F/85.8% RH  
    { f. 6 HOURS @ 66.7°F/60.3% RH  
    { g. 5.7 HRS @ 74.9°F/48.1% RH } X 811  
    41.7 HRS TOTAL  
    WHICH GIVES A MOISTURE CONTENT OF 0.49 IN % BY WEIGHT
2. ACCELERATED LOAD/TEMPERATURE SPECTRUM SIMULATING 811 FLIGHTS OF 1.2 HOURS  
DURATION AFTER COMPOSITE RUNWAY STORAGE EXPOSURE CONDITIONS WHICH GIVES A  
MOISTURE CONTENT OF 0.42 IN % BY WT.
3. REPEAT NO. 1, RUNWAY STORAGE SPECTRUM TO GIVE A MOISTURE CONTENT OF 0.64 IN % BY WT.
4. REPEAT NO. 2 LOAD/TEMPERATURE – SPECTRUM TO GIVE A MOISTURE CONTENT OF 0.55 IN % BY WT.

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ETC.

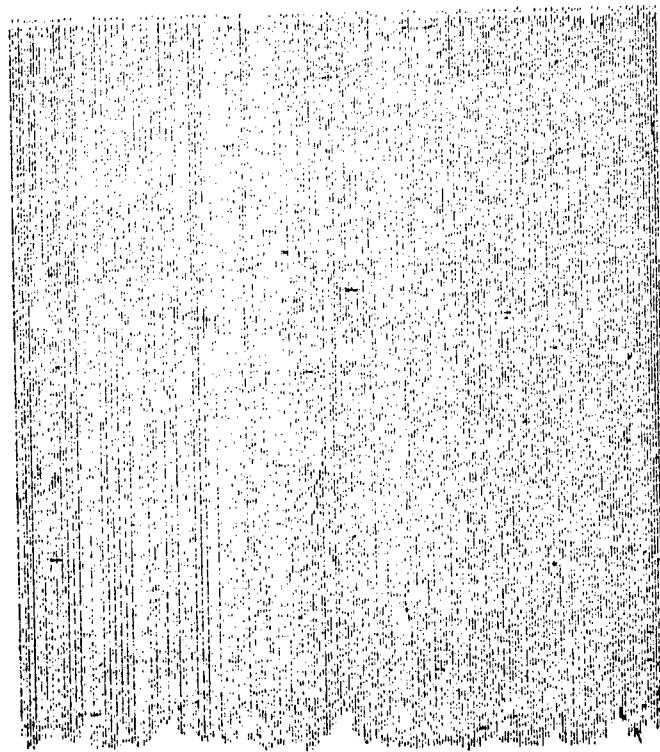
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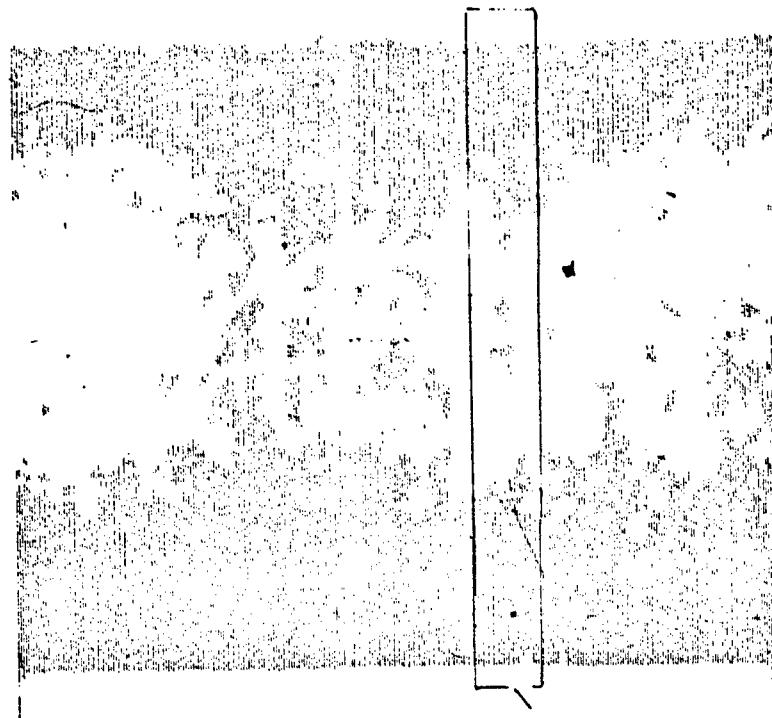
## BONDED JOINT FABRICATION AND TEST FLOW CHART



**CM-1 THRU-TRANSMISSION ULTRASONIC NDI RECORD**



**CM-4 THRU-TRANSMISSION ULTRA-SONIC NDI RECORD**



# PHOTOMICROGRAPHS OF DEFECT AREAS (AS SHOWN ON NDI RECORDING )

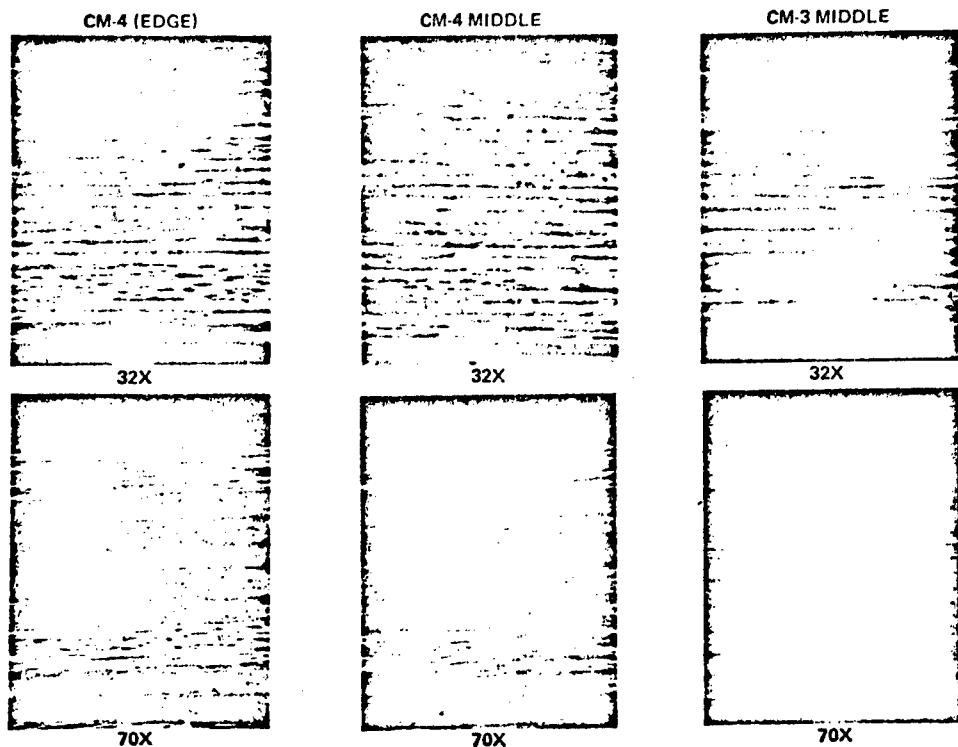


TABLE 7.  
**STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF TASK 1A  
BOLTED JOINT TEST RESULTS**

TEST <sup>1</sup> SERIES	TYPE OF TEST	FREQUENCY (HERTZ)	LOADING RATE (Kips/sec)	NUMBER OF LIFETIMES	$\hat{\alpha}$	95% CONFIDENCE SCALE PARAMETER	$V_{N_X(t)}^R$
14	STATIC	--	--	--	25.54	10,021	9,175
15	FATIGUE	5.0	VARIABLE	2	15.05	9,828	8,463
16		5.0	VARIABLE	1	15.59	10,055	8,705
17		0.5	VARIABLE	2	21.55	9,868	8,890
18		VARIABLE	12.0	2	18.11	10,049	8,875
19		VARIABLE	1.2	2	18.18	10,029	8,919
20 <sup>2</sup>		VARIABLE	12.0	2	15.82	10,192	8,841
21		REAL	REAL	1	15.39	9,920	8,570

1. 20 SPECIMENS PER SERIES EXCEPT 10 SPECIMENS IN SERIES 21, 40 SPECIMENS  
IN TEST SERIES 15  
2. WITH DWELL TIMES AT PEAK LOADS

## SUMMARY OF TASK 1B BOLTED JOINT TEST RESULTS

TEST SERIES	TYPE OF TEST	FREQUENCY hertz	RMS MULTIPLICATION FACTOR	NUMBER OF LIFETIMES	$\hat{\alpha}$	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE SCALE PARAMETER lbs/inch	$N_x^t(t)_R$ lbs/inch
14	STATIC	—	—	—	25.54	10,021	9,175
15	FATIGUE	5	1.000	2	15.05	9,828	8,463
26	FATIGUE	5	1.302	2	27.34	10,118	9,319
27	FATIGUE	5	1.500	2	26.60	9,890	9,088

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF TASK 1A BONDED JOINT<sup>◊</sup> TEST RESULTS (CENSORED DATA)\*

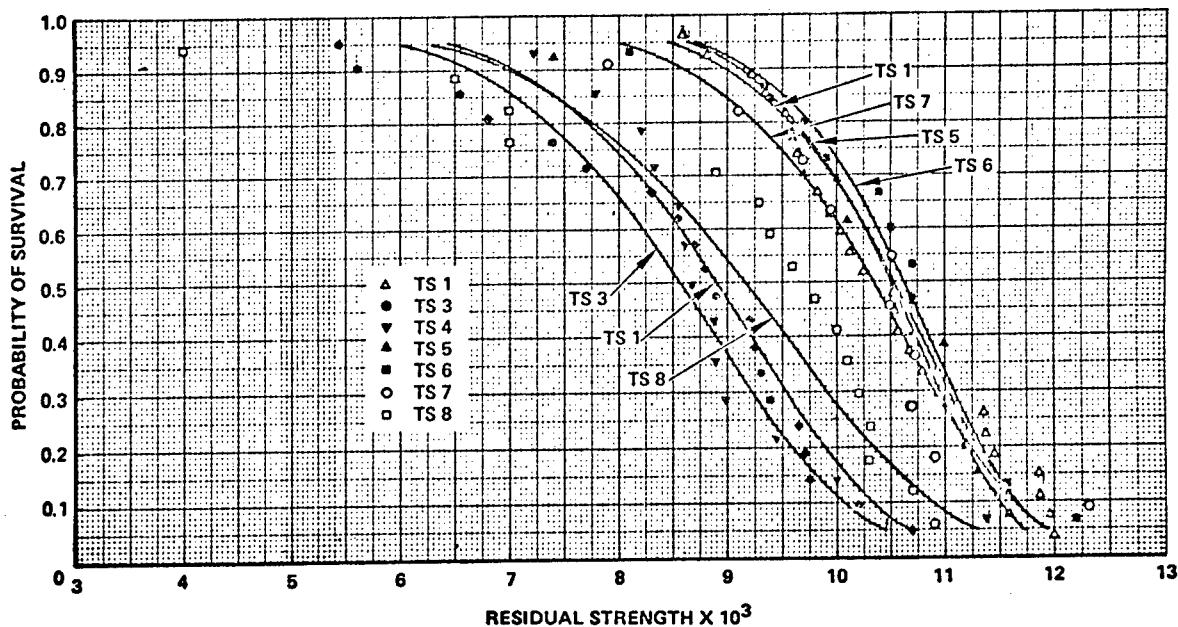
TEST SERIES	TYPE OF TEST	FREQUENCY (HERTZ)	LOADING <sup>◊</sup> RATE (KIPS/SEC)	NUMBER OF LIFETIMES	NO. OF REPLICATES	$\hat{\alpha}$	SCALE FACTOR $\hat{\beta}$	95% CONFIDENCE SCALE PARAMETER $\check{\beta}$	$N_x^t(t)_R$
1	STATIC	—	—	—	26	11.90	10,852	10,584	8760
3	FATIGUE	5	VARIABLE	2	19	7.38	9,006	8,601	6340
4	FATIGUE	5	VARIABLE	1	12	8.00	9,315	8,842	6674
5	FATIGUE	0.5	VARIABLE	2	12	13.18	10,800	10,464	8821
6	FATIGUE	VARIABLE	12	2	14	12.99	10,920	10,392	8739
7	FATIGUE	VARIABLE	1.2	2	10	10.28	10,711	10,251	8236
8	FATIGUE	VARIABLE	12+DTPL	2	16	6.95	9,652	9,156	6625

\*FATIGUE FAILURES AT < 2LT WERE CENSORED

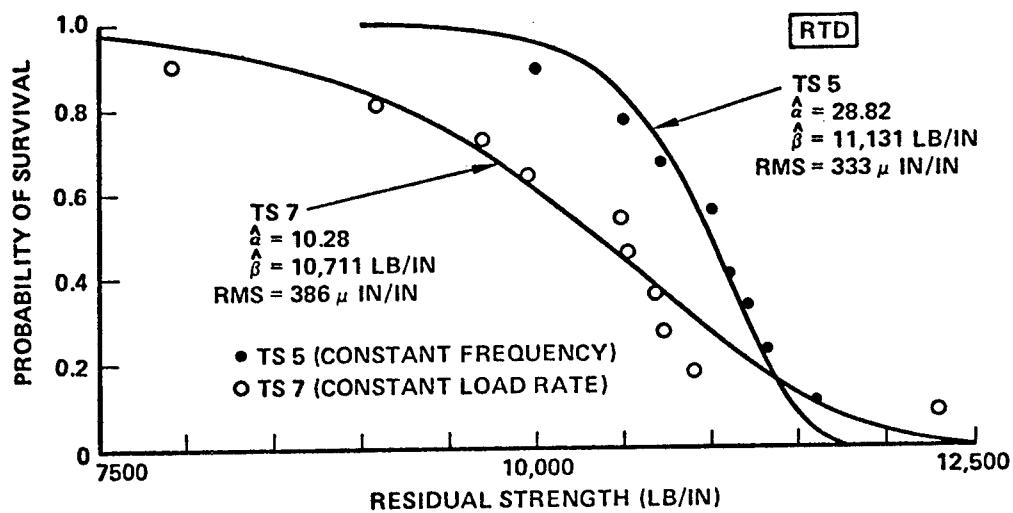
<sup>◊</sup>MAX. FATIGUE SPECTRUM LOADING 5850 LBS

◊TYPE B SPECIMEN

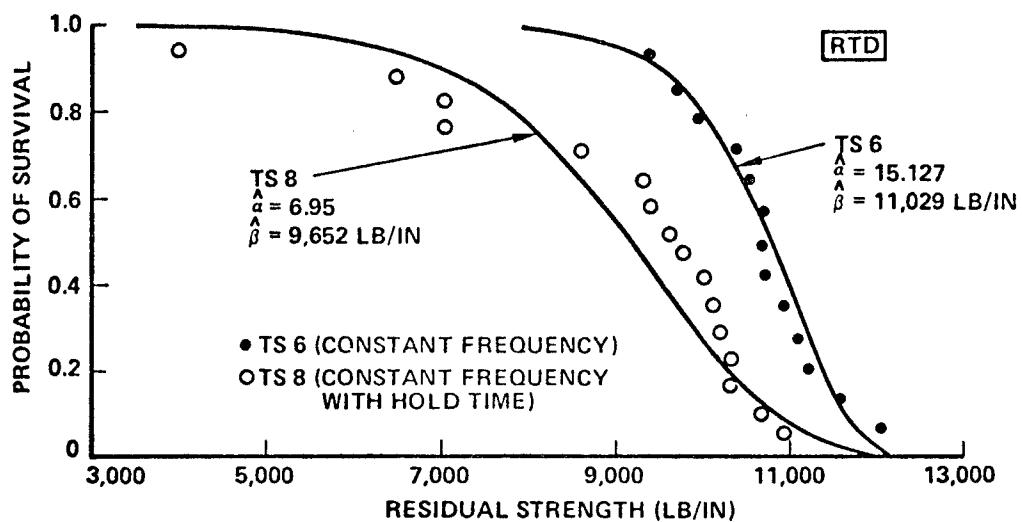
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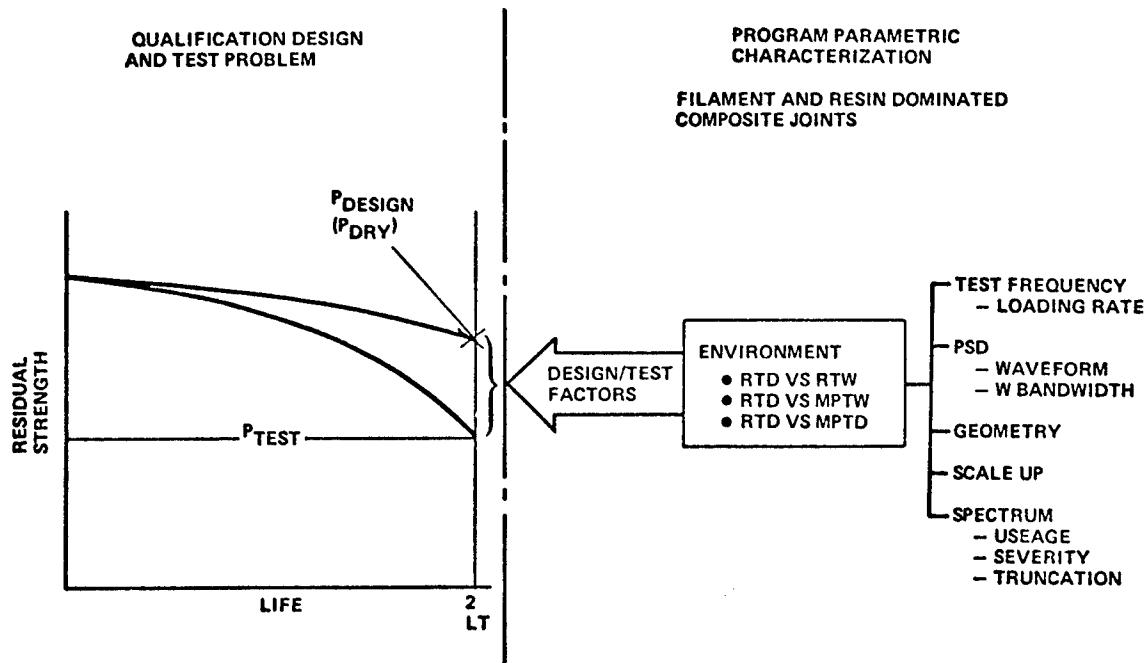
### BONDED JOINT TEST RESULTS F33615-75-C-5236, FATIGUE SPECTRUM SENSITIVITY STUDY FOR ADVANCED COMPOSITES



**BONDED JOINT TEST RESULTS**  
**F33615-75-C-5236, FATIGUE SPECTRUM**  
**SENSITIVITY STUDY FOR ADVANCED COMPOSITES**



## FATIGUE SPECTRUM SENSIVITY STUDY PAYOFF



**Environmental Sensitivity of Advanced Composites**

**Contract No. F35615-76-C-5324**

**Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory  
Grumman Aerospace Corporation**



**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- **DEFINE REALISTIC ENVIRONMENTAL SPECTRA  
FOR AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT**
  - FIGHTERS
  - BOMBERS
  - CARGO/TANKERS
- **ASSESS DURABILITY SENSITIVITY OF COMPOSITES  
TO VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS**
  - LONG TERM EXPERIMENTS
  - TIME
  - TEMPERATURE
  - RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- **DETERMINE EFFECTS OF ACCELERATING ENVIRONMENTAL  
SPECTRA**
  - ANALYSIS AND EXPERIMENT
  - DEVELOP METHODOLOGY FOR ECONOMICAL  
ALTERNATIVES TO REAL-TIME TESTING

## RUNWAY STORAGE MODEL

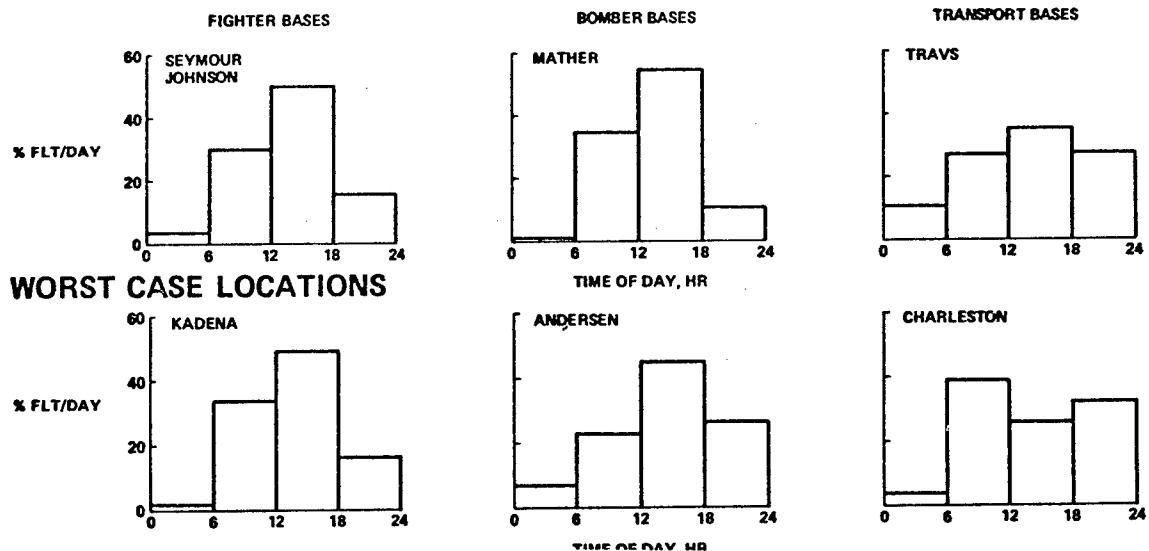
- SURVEY AF BASES HAVING PSYCHOMETRIC SUMMARIES
- SURVEY AF BASES TO SELECT MOST ACTIVE BASES
- SELECT 20 REPRESENTATIVE BASES PER A/C TYPES WITH ADEQUATE WEATHER & BASING DATA
- FOR EACH A/C TYPE RANK BASES ACCORDING TO ABSORPTION OF WATER FOR MEAN WEATHER COND'NS
- SELECT BASELINE, WORST CASE LOCATIONS
- OBTAIN COMPLETE CLIMATIC SUMMARIES
- OBTAIN BASING DATA
- COMPUTE MODELS OF TEMP, RH & SOLAR RAD FOR EACH BASE

## SELECTION SUMMARY

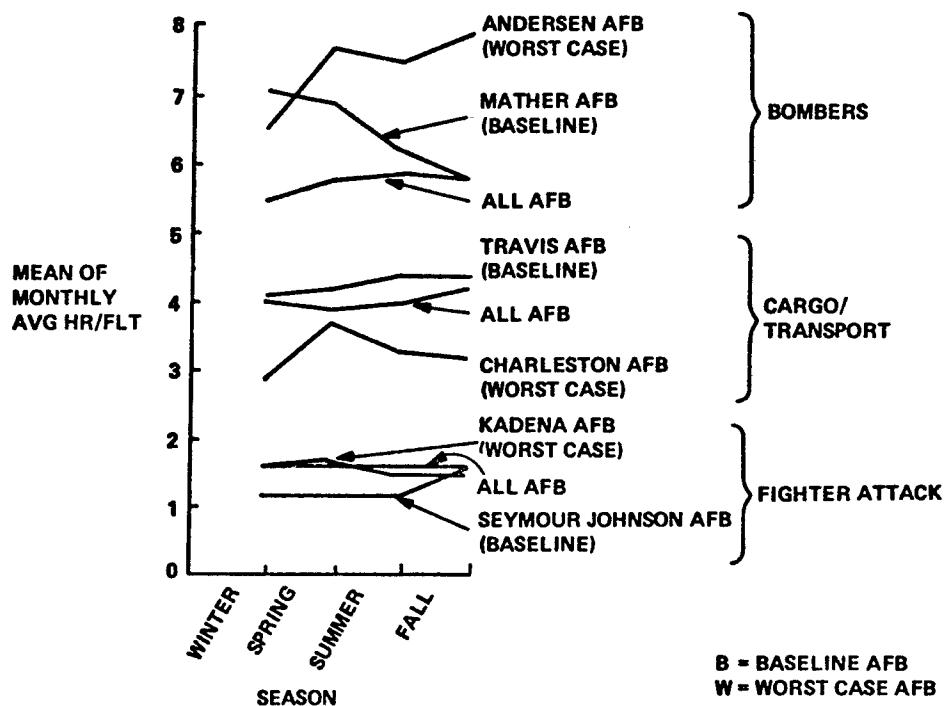
	BASELINE	WORST CASE
FIGHTER	SEYMORE JOHNSON, NORTH CAROLINA	KADENA, JAPAN
BOMBER	MATHER, CALIFORNIA	ANDERSEN, GUAM
TRANSPORT	TRAVIS, CALIFORNIA	CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

## AIRCRAFT USAGE – TIME OF DAY

### BASELINE LOCATIONS



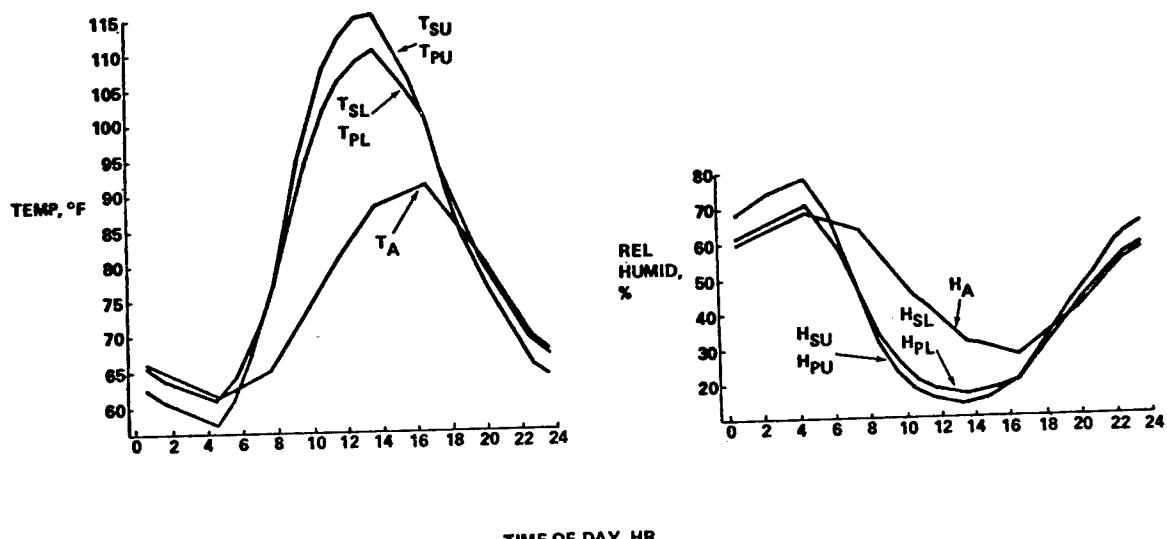
## AIRCRAFT USAGE – FLIGHT DURATION BY SEASON



## RUNWAY STORAGE MODEL DATA INPUTS

- TEMPERATURE
  - DRY BULB TEMPERATURE
- HUMIDITY
  - RELATIVE HUMIDITY
  - PRECIPITATION
- SOLAR
  - CLEAR SKY ISOLATION
  - CLOUDS
  - HAZE/SMOKE
  - DEW POINT
  - WIND SPEED

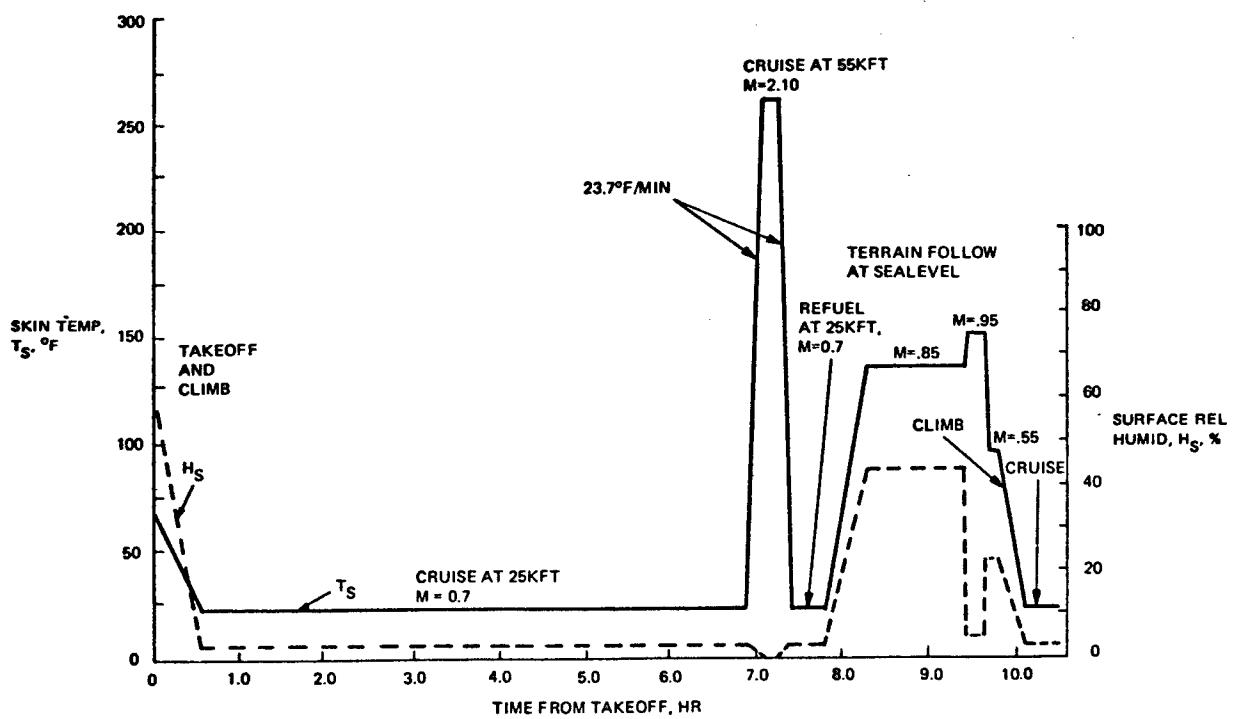
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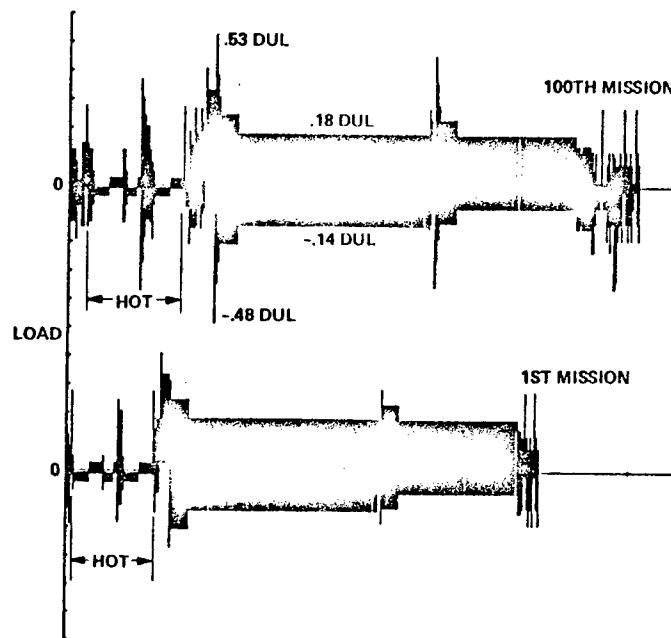
## COMPONENT SELECTION

- B-1 COMPOSITE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER
- GR/EP SUBSTRUCTURE 6 TO 32 PLIES THICK
- HYBRID COVER 36 TO 104 PLIES THICK –  
MAJOR PORTION 36-PLY GR/EP
- 260°F DESIGN TEMPERATURE

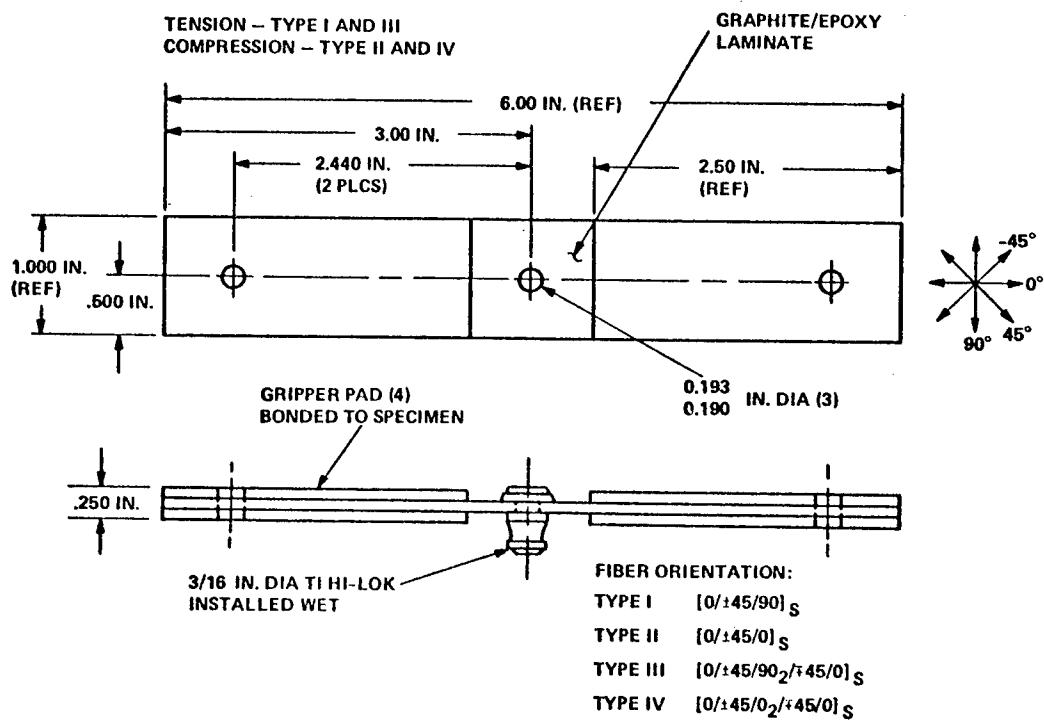
## FLIGHT THERMAL PROFILE



## STABILIZER TENSION SKIN LOAD SPECTRUM



## TEST SPECIMEN



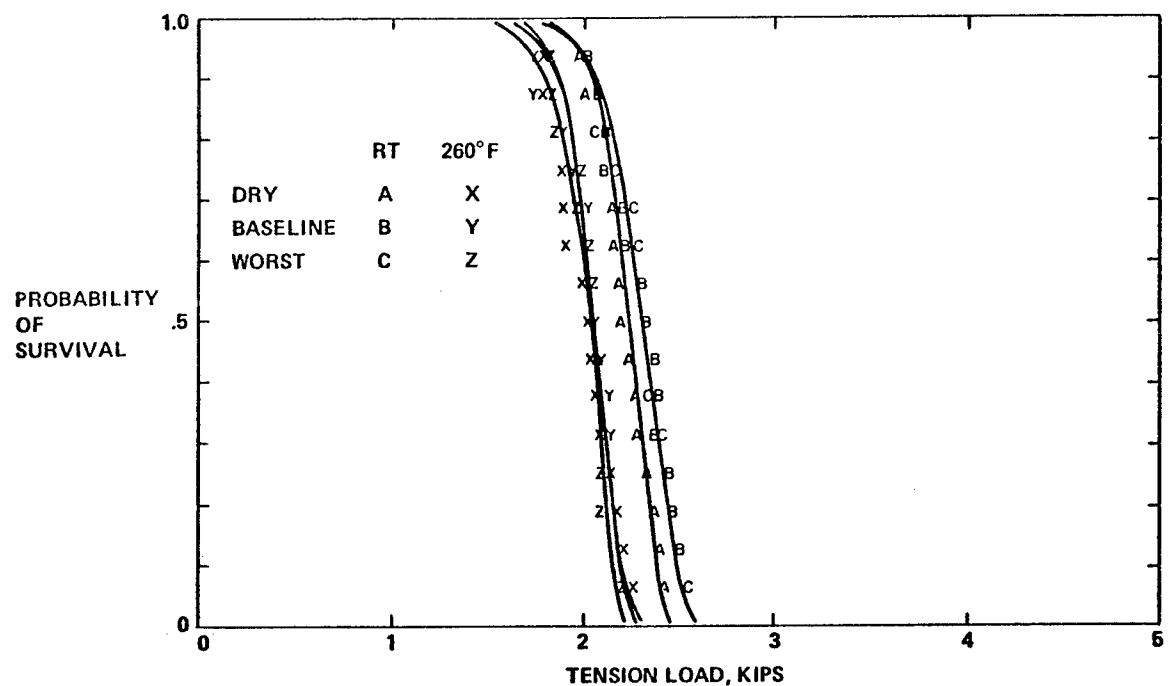
## TEST PLAN

- STATIC CHARACTERIZATION
  - 360 SPECIMENS, 120 EACH, 4 TYPES
  - RT AND 260°F
  - DRY, BASELINE, AND WORST CASE MOISTURE LEVELS
  - 15 REPLICATES
  - STATUS: COMPLETE
- NOMINAL FATIGUE
  - 240 SPECIMENS, 60 EACH, 4 TYPES
  - 6 A/C LIFETIMES + RT RESIDUAL (AMB. MOISTURE)
  - 4 REF. STRESS LEVELS
  - STATUS: IN PROGRESS

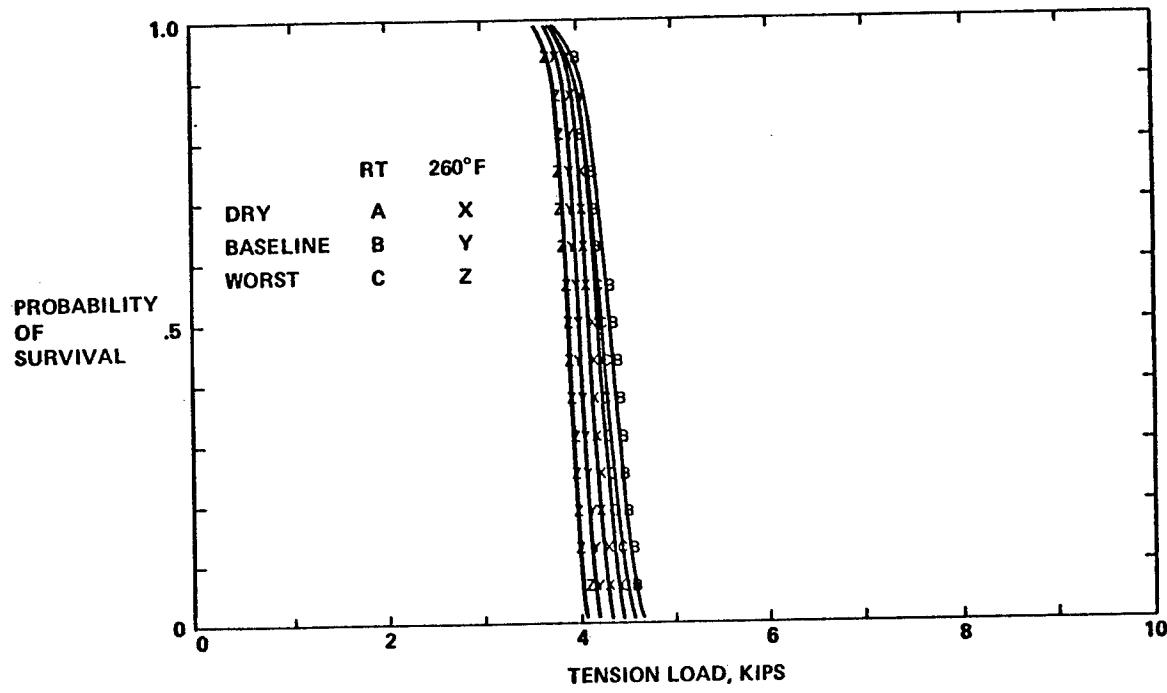
## TEST PLAN (CONT'D)

- REAL TIME TESTS
  - 760 SPECIMENS
  - HOUR-BY-HOUR GROUND AND FLIGHT TEMP/HUM (BASELINE AND WORST CASE)
  - EXPOSURES AT 2, 5, 8, 12 AND 20 MOS + RESIDUALS
  - NO LOAD AND GROUND LOAD + FLIGHT LOADS
  - STATUS: SETTING UP
- ACCELERATED TESTS
  - 580 SPECIMENS
  - BASELINE AND WORST-CASE MOISTURE LEVELS BY PRESOAK & RESOAK OR CONDITION WHILE TEST
  - WITH AND WITHOUT SUPERSONIC TEMPS
  - 6 A/C LIFETIMES + RT RESIDUALS
  - STATUS: SETTING UP

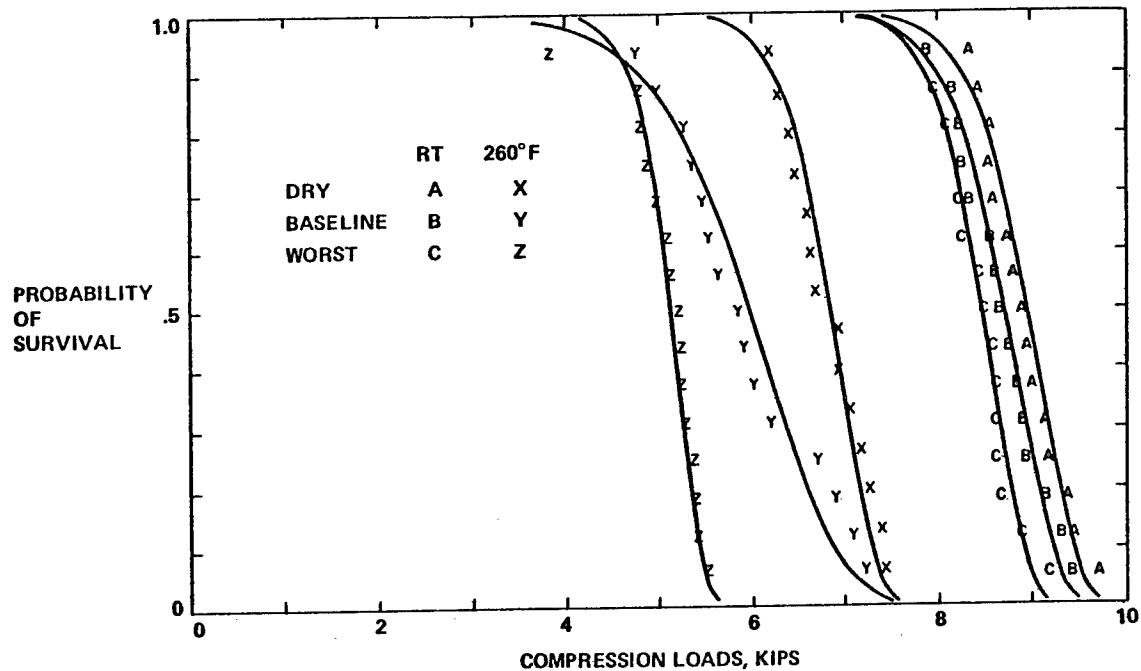
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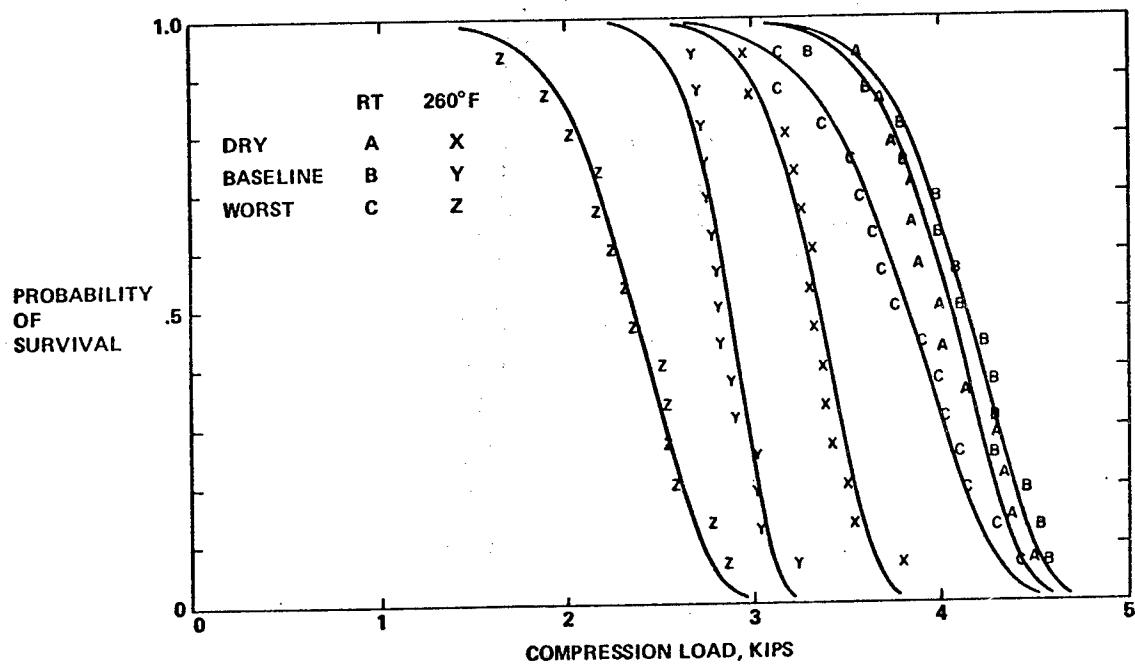
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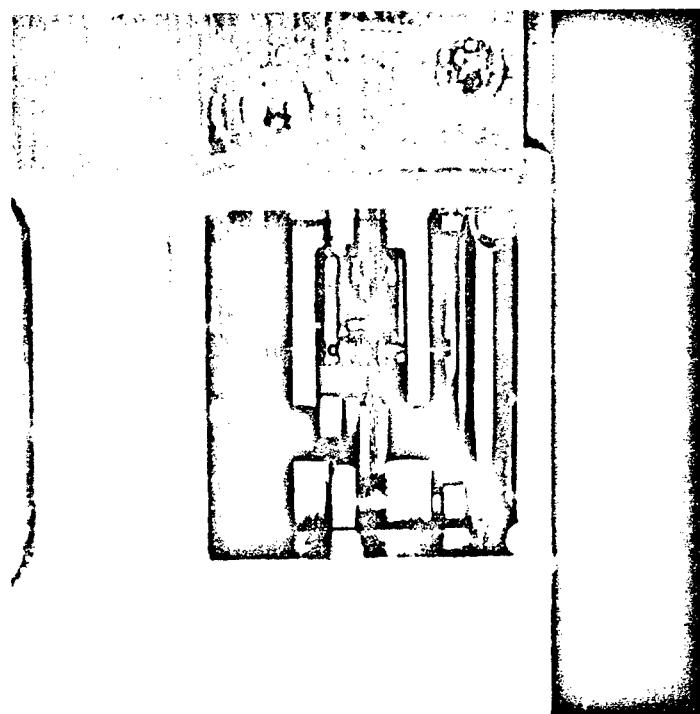
## STATIC STRENGTH DISTRIBUTION OF TYPE IV SPECIMEN



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# STABILIZED FATIGUE TEST SPECIMEN



## NOMINAL FATIGUE CHARACTERIZATION

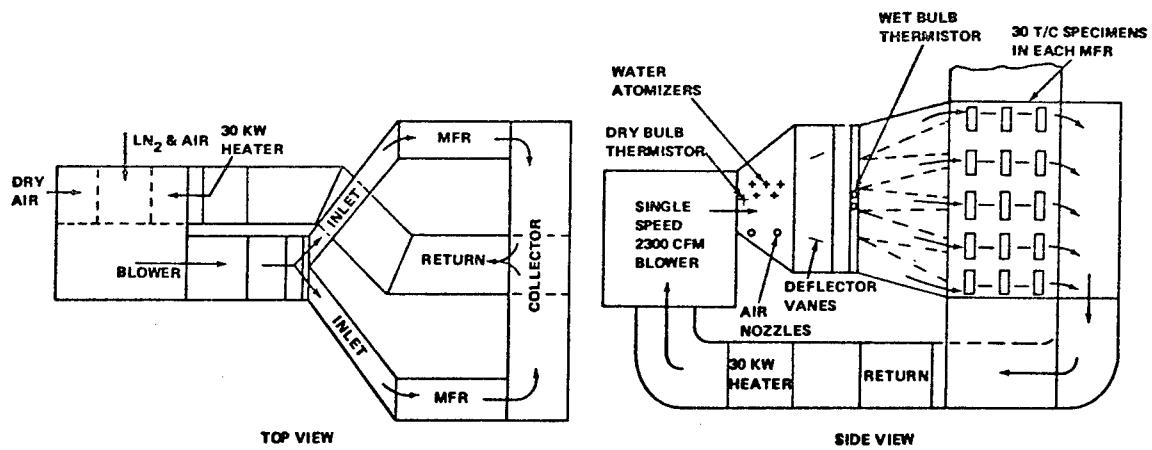
SAMPLES (ROOM TEMP TESTS)	TENSION TYPE I 2/2/4		COMPRESSION TYPE II 4/0/4		TENSION TYPE III 4/4/8		COMPRESSION TYPE IV 8/0/8	
	$\hat{\beta}$	$\hat{\alpha}$	$\hat{\beta}$	$\hat{\alpha}$	$\hat{\beta}$	$\hat{\alpha}$	$\hat{\beta}$	$\hat{\alpha}$
PRESOAKED STATICS	DRY	2.29	21.8	4.16	15.6	4.32	29.6	9.10
	BASELINE	2.38	16.9	4.25	15.4	4.41	28.3	8.87
	WORST	2.38	16.6	3.96	11.7	4.28	37.0	8.61
AFTER 6 A/C LIVES LAB AMB	1.0 x DES STRESS	2.42	22.2	3.99	20.4	4.44	37.0	8.98
	1.2 x DES STRESS	2.42	17.4	4.24	13.8	4.53	21.4	8.64
	1.4 x DES STRESS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1.65 x DES STRESS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

$\hat{\beta}$  = SCALE PARAMETER (KIPS)

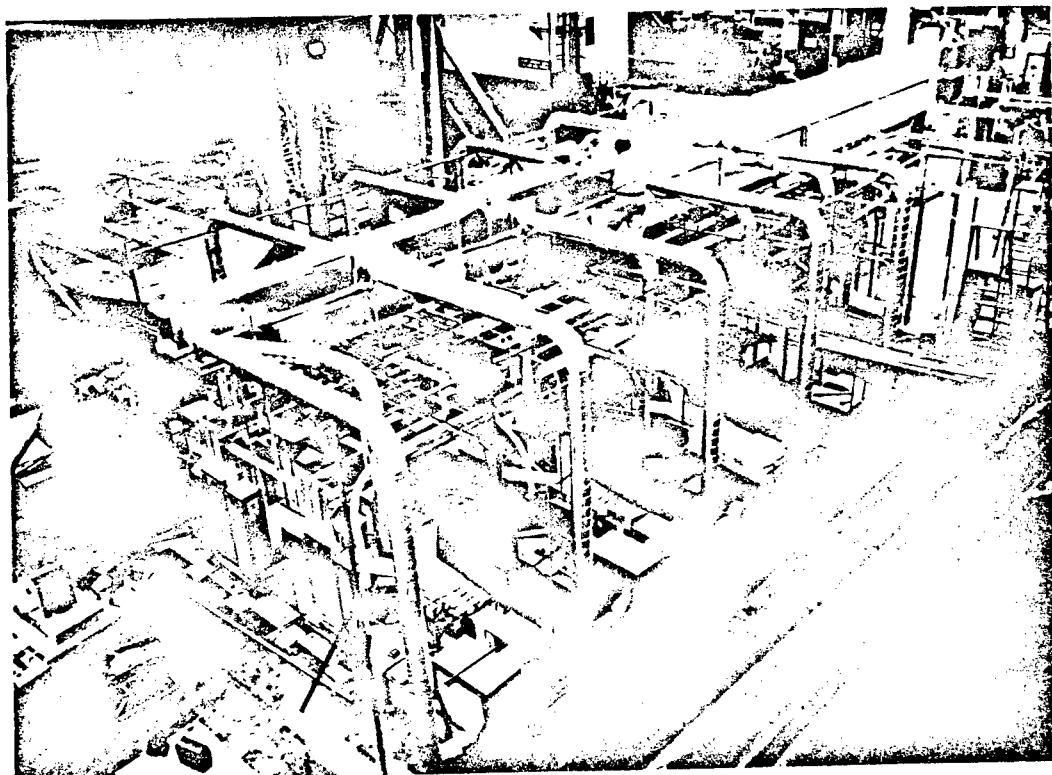
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} MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATES FOR TWO-PARAMETER WIEBULL DISTRIBUTION

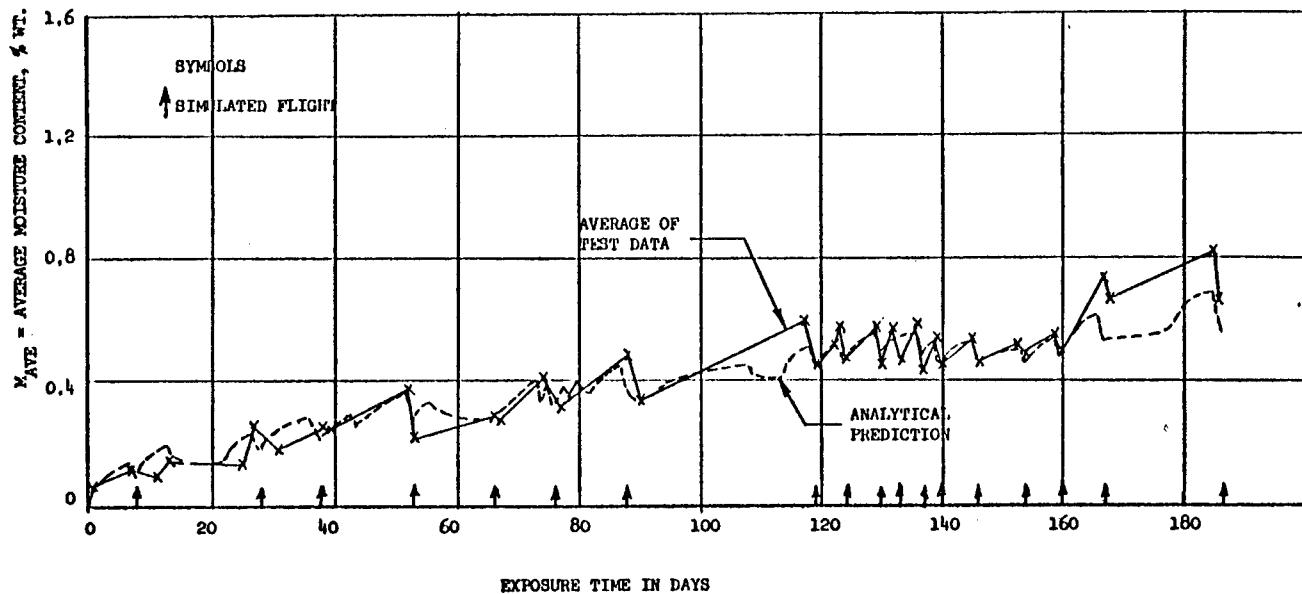
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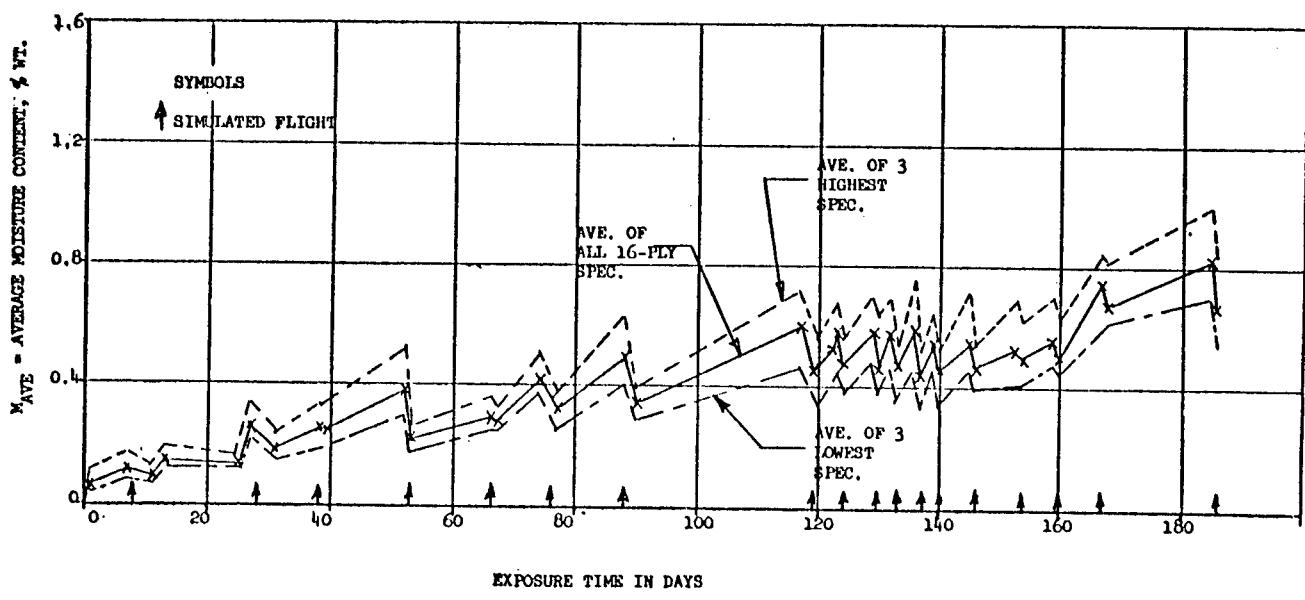
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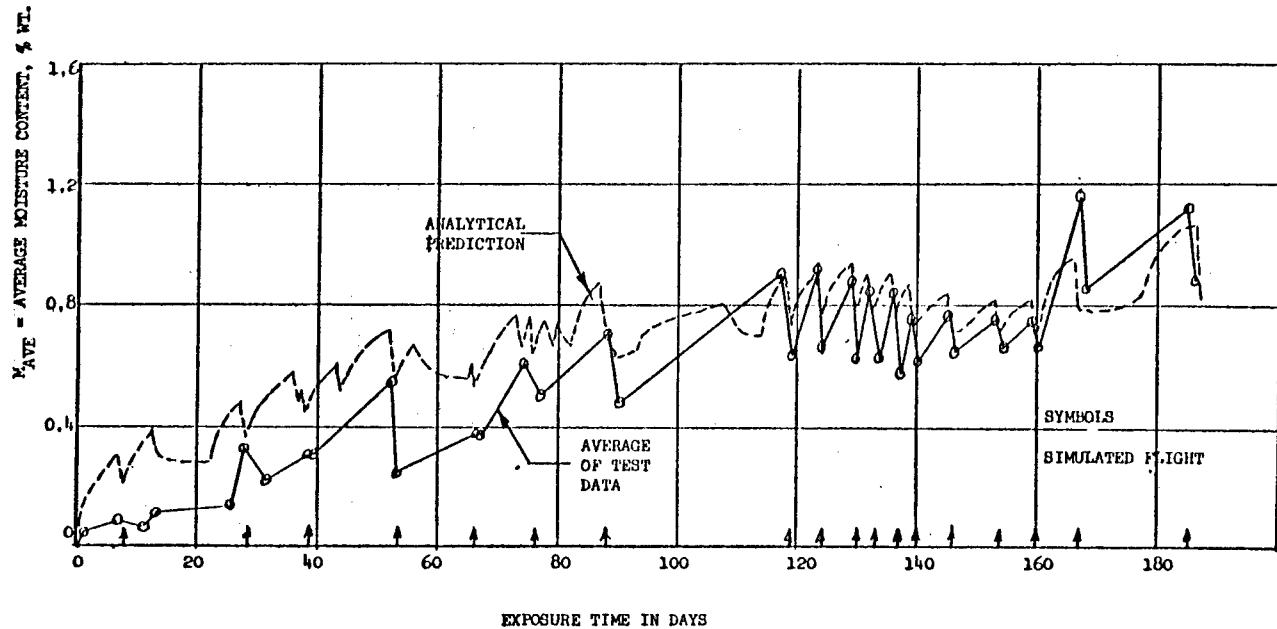
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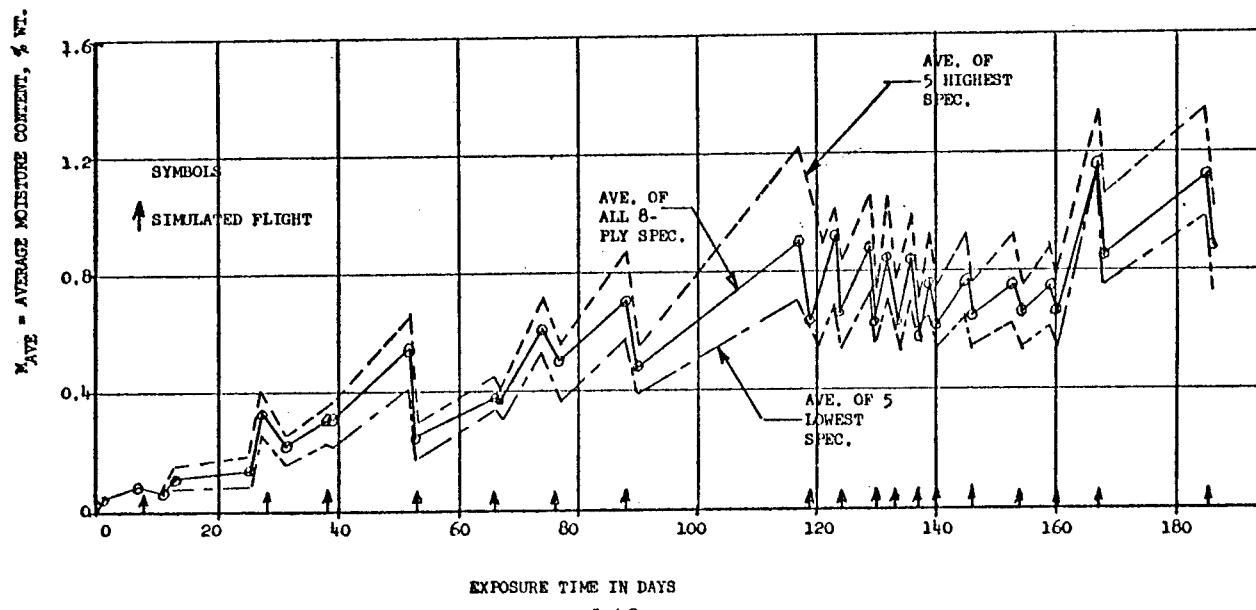
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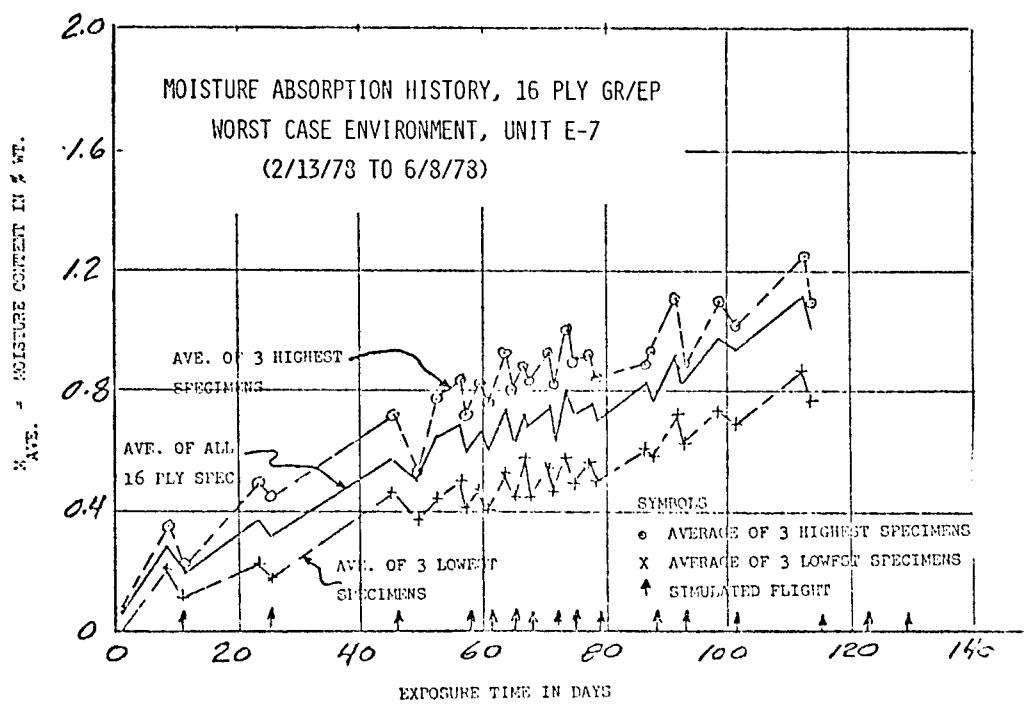
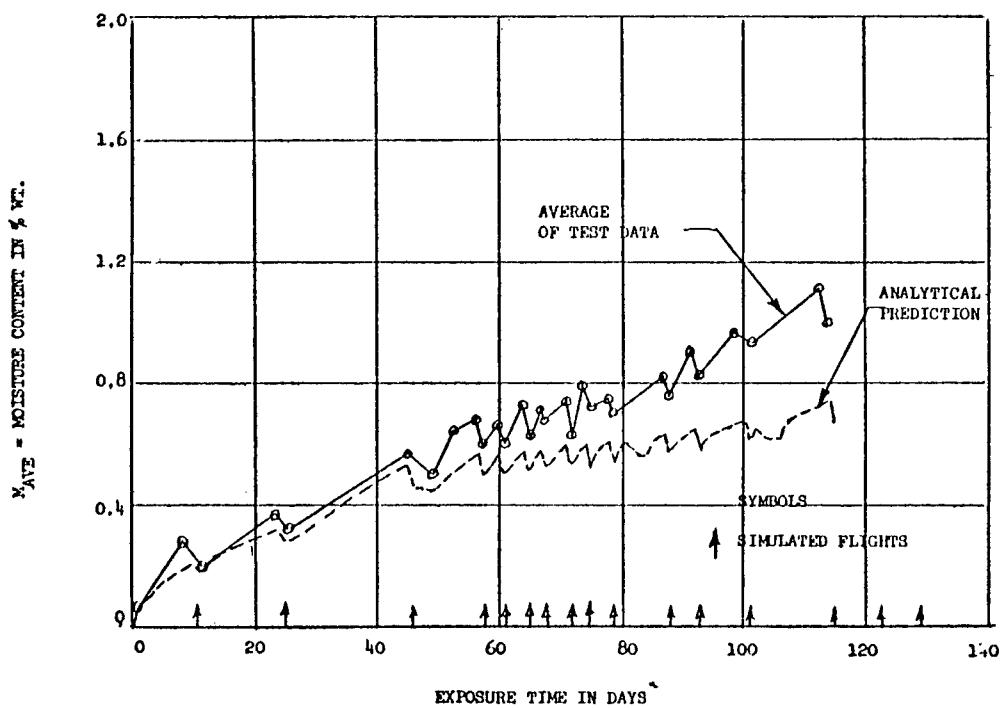
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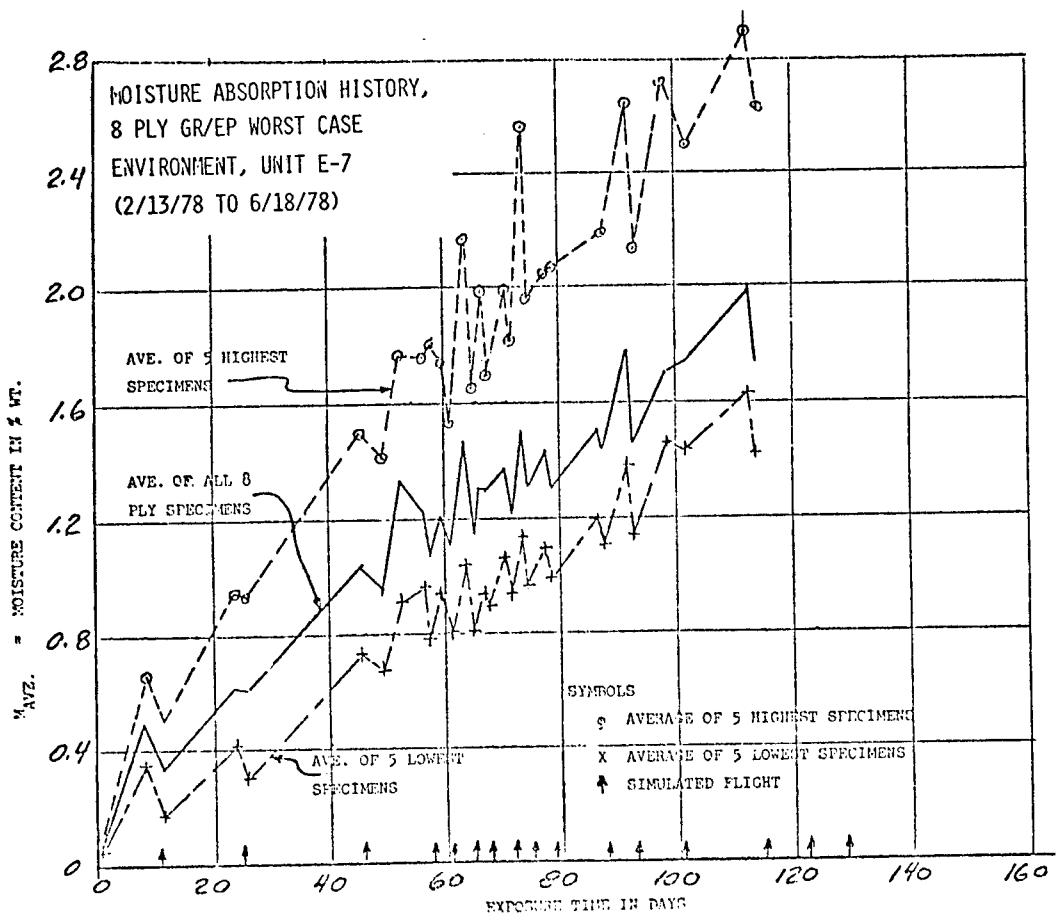
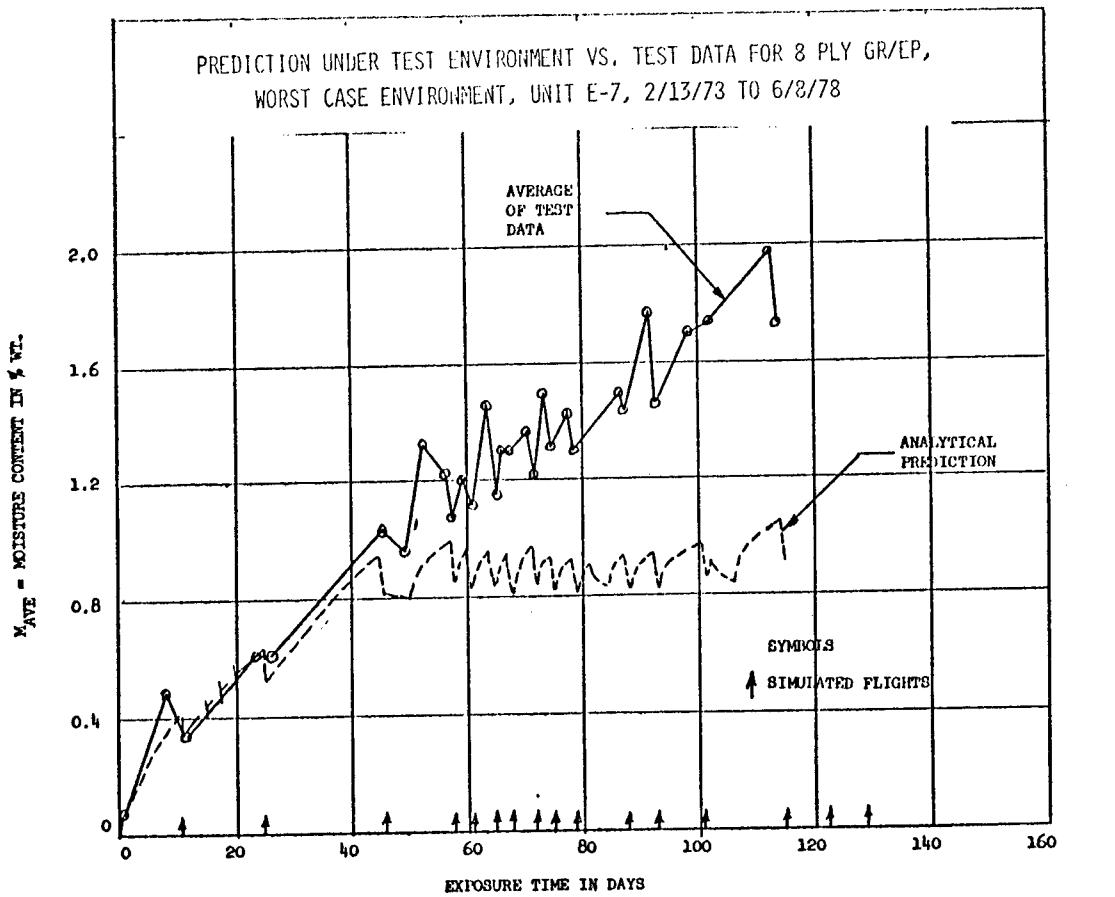


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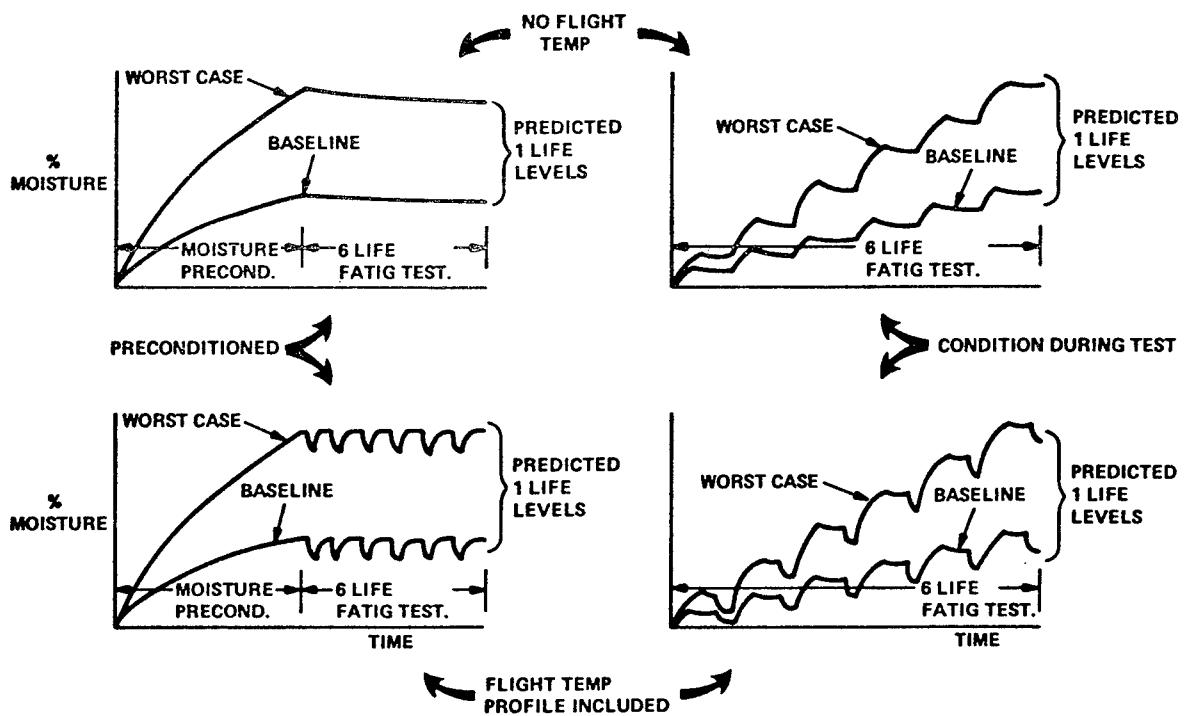


PREDICTION UNDER TEST ENVIRONMENT VS. TEST DATA FOR 16 PLY GR/EP  
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## TASK III ACCELERATED TESTING



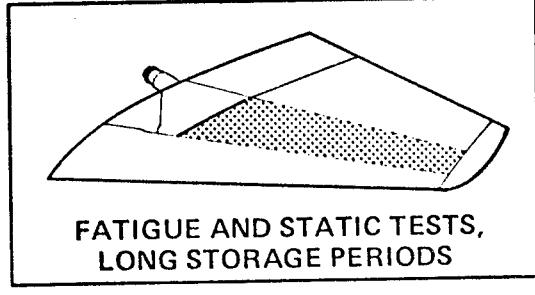
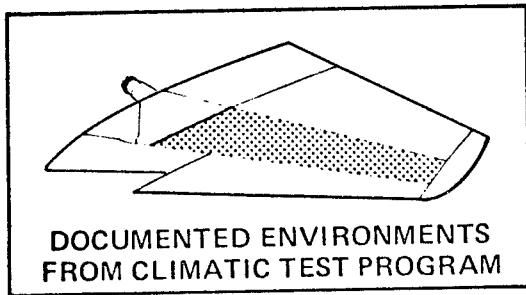
## CONCLUSIONS

- RUNWAY STORAGE MODELS DEFINED
- TARGET MOISTURE LEVELS PREDICTED
- STATIC STRENGTH CHARACTERIZATION COMPLETED
- DIFFUSION ANOMALIES RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT LONG TERM PREDICTIONS
- LAB AMBIENT FATIGUE IN PROGRESS
- REAL-TIME TESTS UNDERWAY
- UNIQUE TEST FACILITY IN OPERATION

# EFFECT OF SERVICE ENVIRONMENT ON F-15 BORON/EPOXY STABILATOR

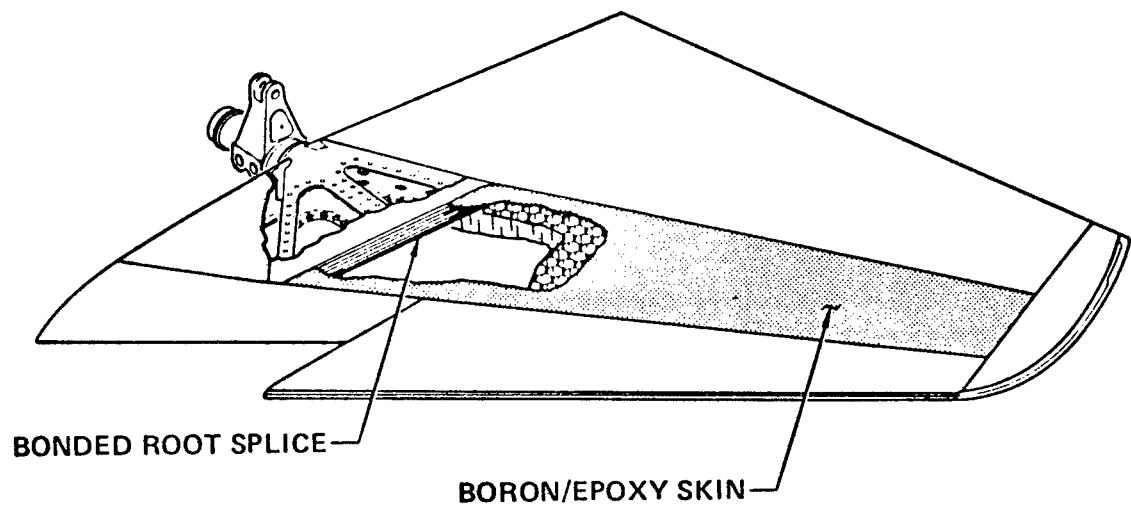
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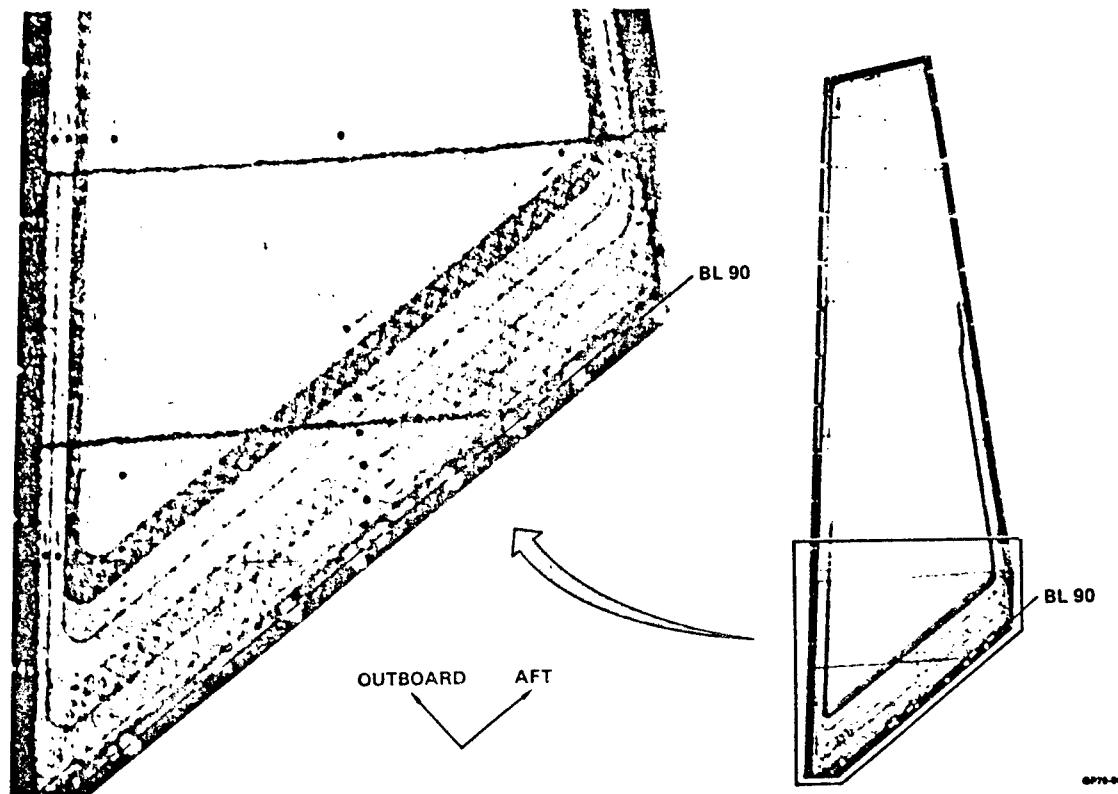


- NONDESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION AND COMPARISON WITH PRODUCTION RECORDS
- TWO FULL-SCALE STATIC TESTS AND COMPARISON OF RESULTS WITH DESIGN VERIFICATION TEST RESULTS
- TEST OF COUPONS MACHINED FROM STABILATOR COMPOSITE SKINS TO DETERMINE PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES
- CALCULATION OF MOISTURE-TIME PROFILES FOR VARIOUS F-15 DEPLOYMENTS

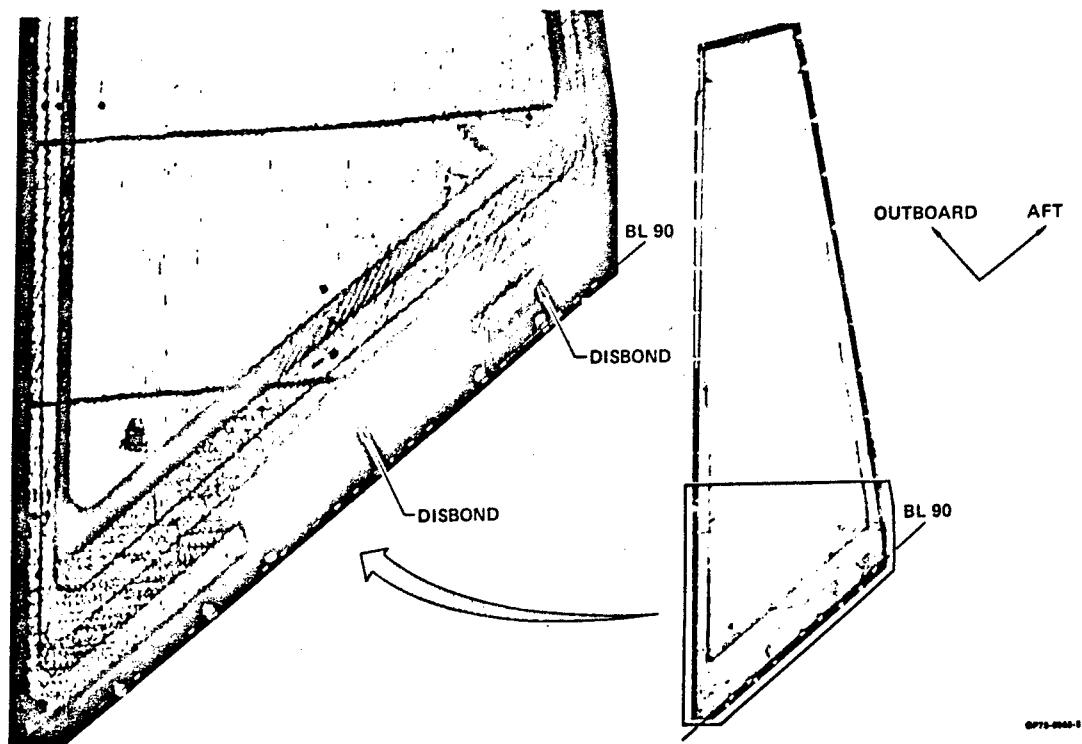
## F-15 HORIZONTAL STABILATOR



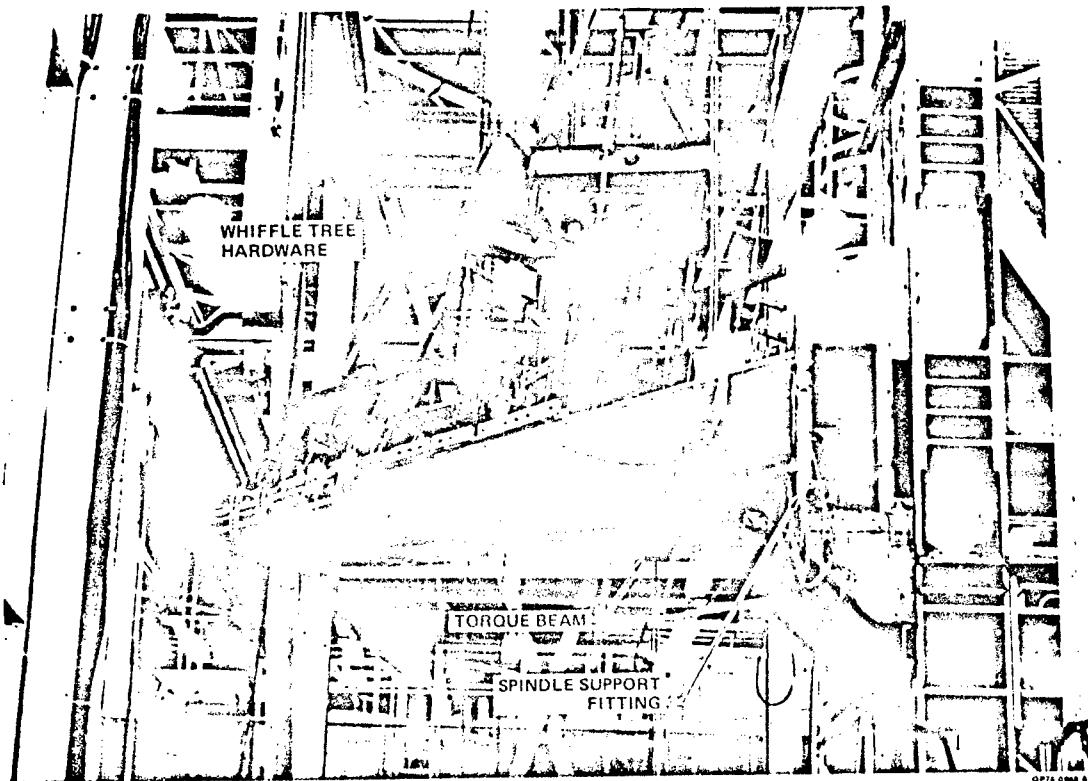
C-SCAN OF EAGLE 14 TORQUE BOX  
NO DEFECTS IN ROOT SPLICE



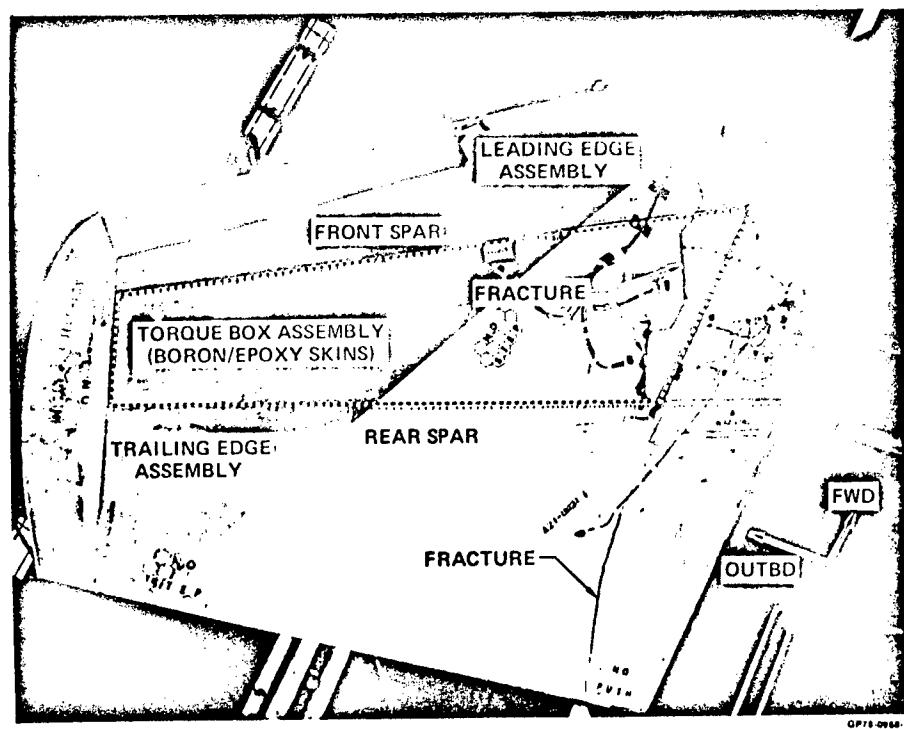
**C-SCAN OF PDV TORQUE BOX  
DISBONDS DETECTED IN ROOT SPLICE**



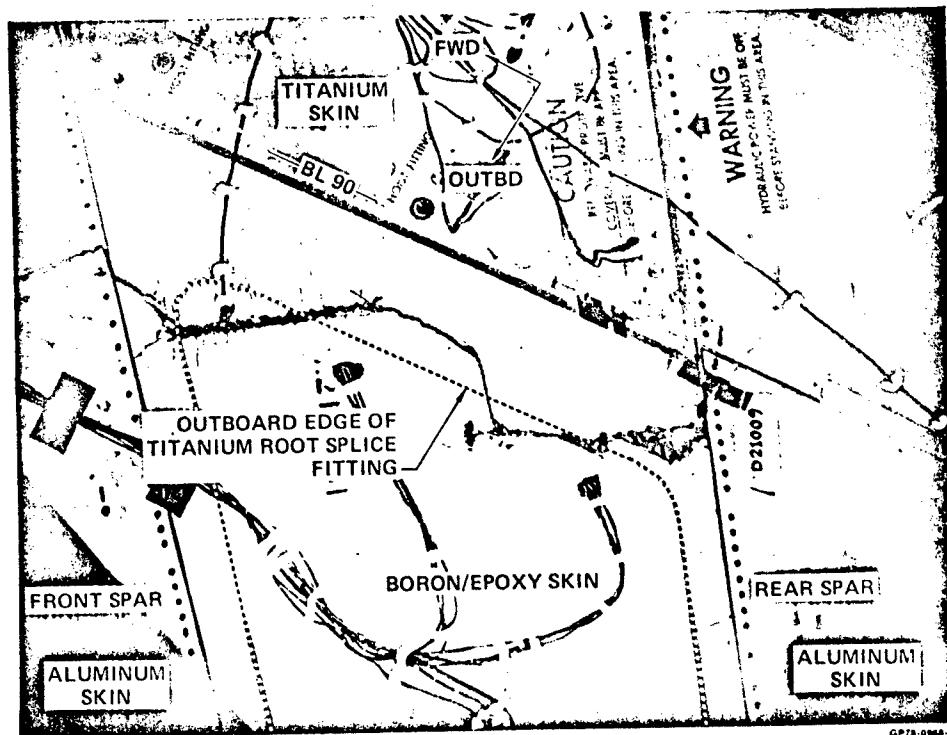
**TEST SETUP**



**TENSION SKIN OF EAGLE 14 TEST ARTICLE**  
**SIMILAR FAILURE MODE FOR PDV TEST ARTICLE**



**EAGLE 14 - ROOT SPLICE**



## TEST DATA CORRELATION

DATA MEASURED AT 150 PERCENT DLL	EAGLE 14 TEST	PDV TEST	DESIGN VERIFICATION TEST
STRAIN IN REAR SPAR CAP AT ROOT SPLIC	3492 $\mu$ IN./IN.	3364 $\mu$ IN./IN.	3400 $\mu$ IN./IN.
PRINCIPAL STRAIN AT TIP OF SPLIC PLATE	2927 $\mu$ IN./IN.	2800 $\mu$ IN./IN.	2750 $\mu$ IN./IN.
PRINCIPAL STRAIN AT MIDSPAN	3348 $\mu$ IN./IN.	3247 $\mu$ IN./IN.	3039 $\mu$ IN./IN.
TIP DISPLACEMENT	12.6 IN.	12.4 IN.	12.2 IN.

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## PEAK RECORDED STRAINS EXCEED COMPARABLE STRAINS FROM DESIGN VERIFICATION TEST

MEASURED PARAMETER	EAGLE 14 TEST	PDV TEST	DESIGN VERIFICATION TEST
MAXIMUM LOAD LEVEL (% DLL)	190% (FAILURE)	184% (FAILURE)	200% (NO FAILURE)
STRAIN - REAR SPAR CAP	4605 $\mu$ IN./IN.	4891 $\mu$ IN./IN.	4500 $\mu$ IN./IN.
PRINCIPAL STRAIN - SPLIC PLATE TIP	3733 $\mu$ IN./IN.	3565 $\mu$ IN./IN.	3600 $\mu$ IN./IN.
PRINCIPAL STRAIN - MIDSPAN	4197 $\mu$ IN./IN.	4075 $\mu$ IN./IN.	4033 $\mu$ IN./IN.

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EAGLE 14	PDV	
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ASSEMBLY - AUG 1973</li> <li>● CLIMATIC TESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DESERT</li> <li>- TROPICS</li> <li>- ARCTIC</li> </ul> </li> <li>● STORAGE AT MCAIR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ASSEMBLY - MAY 1971</li> <li>● VERIFICATION TESTS</li> <li>● TOOLING CHECKS</li> <li>● STORAGE AT MCAIR</li> </ul>	
<u>MEASURED MOISTURE CONTENTS - JULY 1978</u>		
(PERCENT OF COUPON DRY WEIGHT, RESIN CONTENT 30%)		
0.63%	14-PLY SKIN	0.65%
0.54%	24-PLY SKIN	0.55%
0.37%	38-PLY SKIN	0.38%

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## RESIN EVALUATIONS

### CURED RESIN SAMPLES

- EAGLE 14
- PDV
- NEW LAMINATE

### PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL AND THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

- RESIN CONTENT - ACID DIGESTION
- PYROLYSIS PRODUCTS - GC/MS ANALYSIS
- CHARACTERISTIC TEMPERATURES - DSC ANALYSIS
- WEIGHT LOSS/TEMPERATURE PROFILE - TGA

### RESULTS

- NO DIFFERENCES

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# STATUS

## CONCLUSIONS

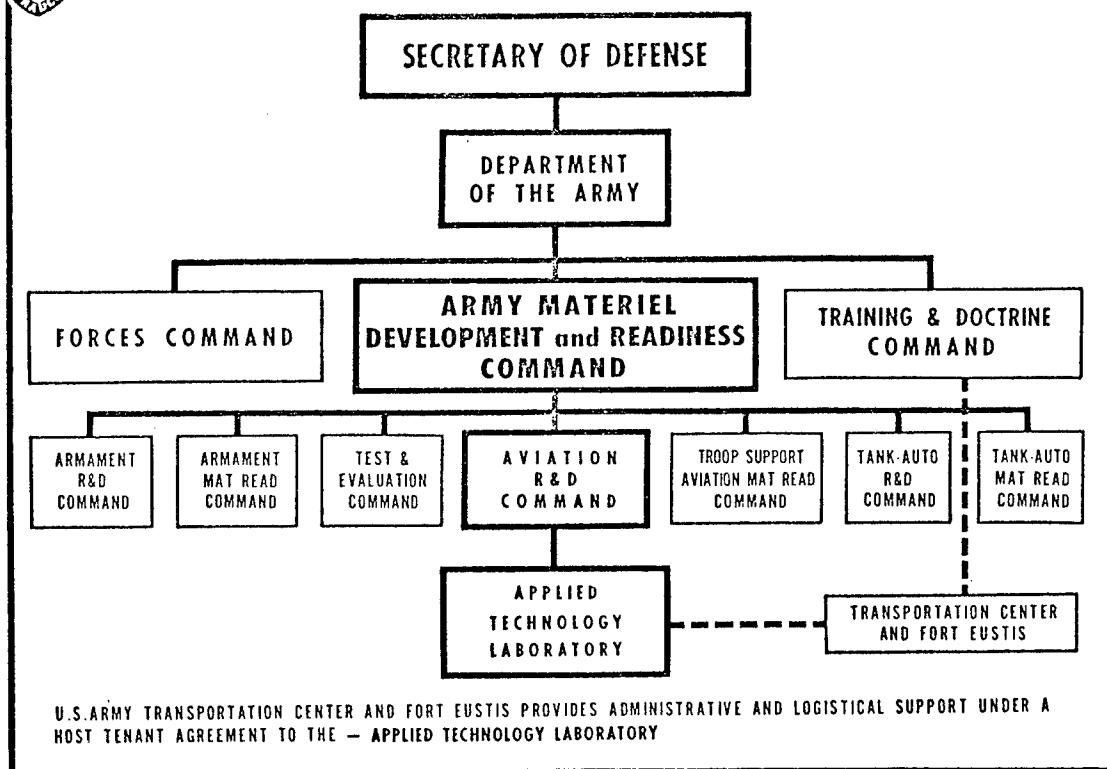
- NO STRUCTURAL DEGRADATION
- NO MATERIAL DEGRADATION

## REMAINING WORK

- PREDICT MOISTURE CONTENTS USING  
"ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY" METHODOLOGY
- DETERMINE STRENGTH REDUCTION UNDER  
MAXIMUM EXPECTED MOISTURE CONTENT AND  
TEMPERATURE USING COUPON TESTS



## COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS



## U. S. ARMY AVIATION R&D COMMAND

### U. S. ARMY RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY LABORATORIES

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##### PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES OFFICE

##### ADVANCED SYSTEMS RESEARCH OFFICE

##### APPLIED TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY

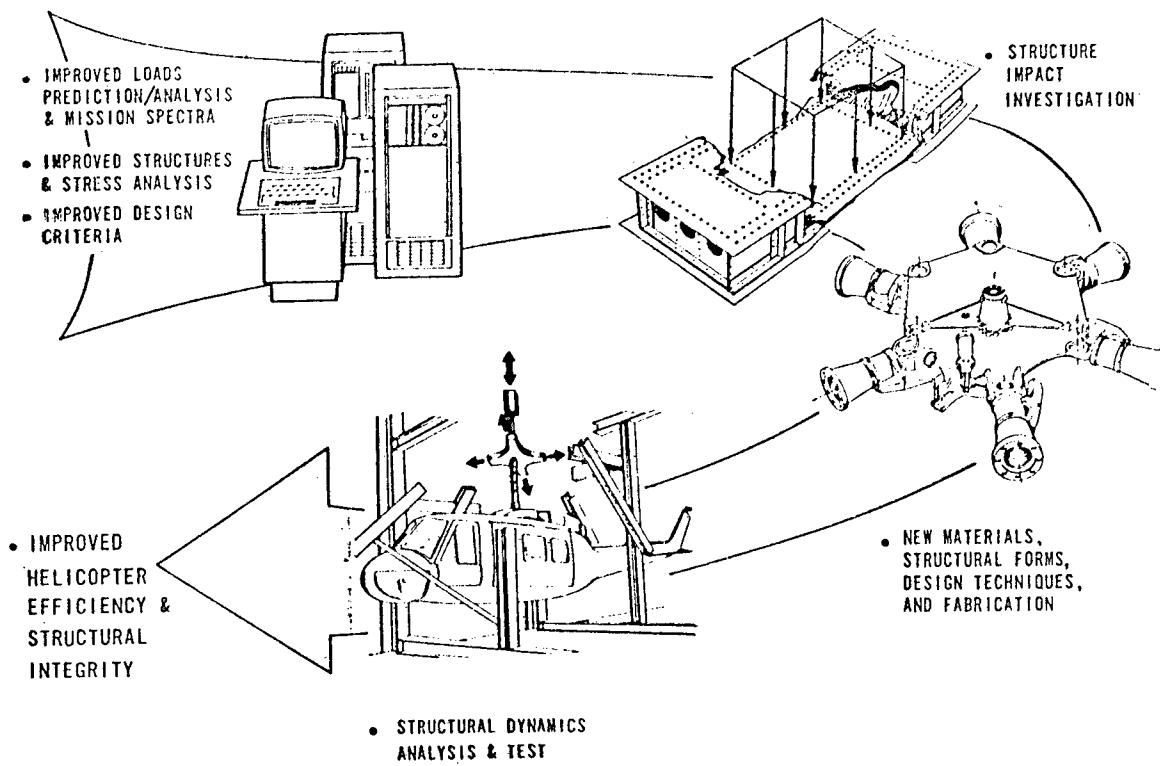
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##### STRUCTURES LABORATORY

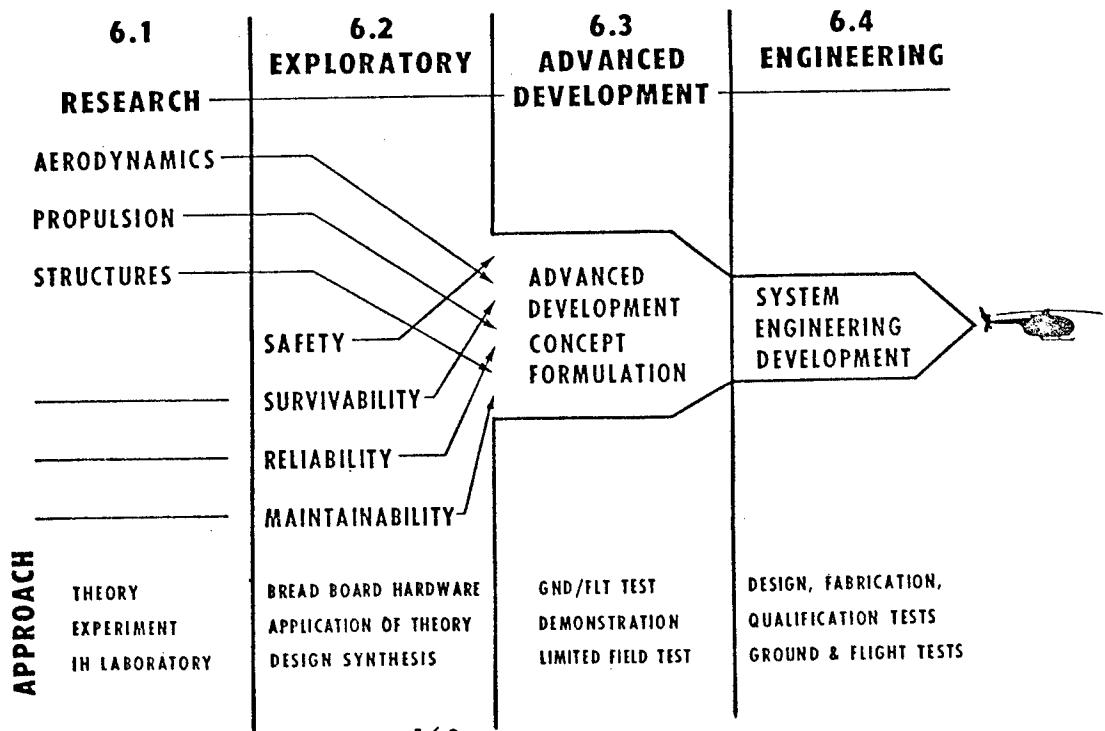
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## STRESS & LOADS

(6.2 EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT)

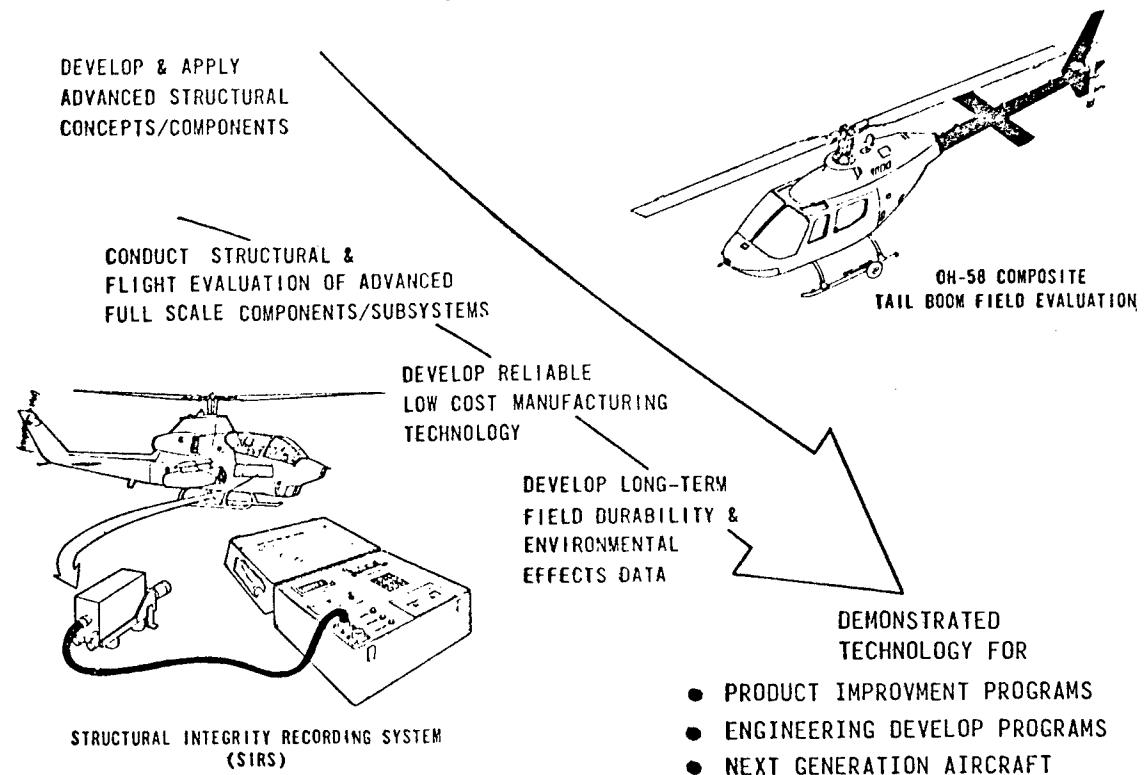


## AIR MOBILITY R&D OVERVIEW

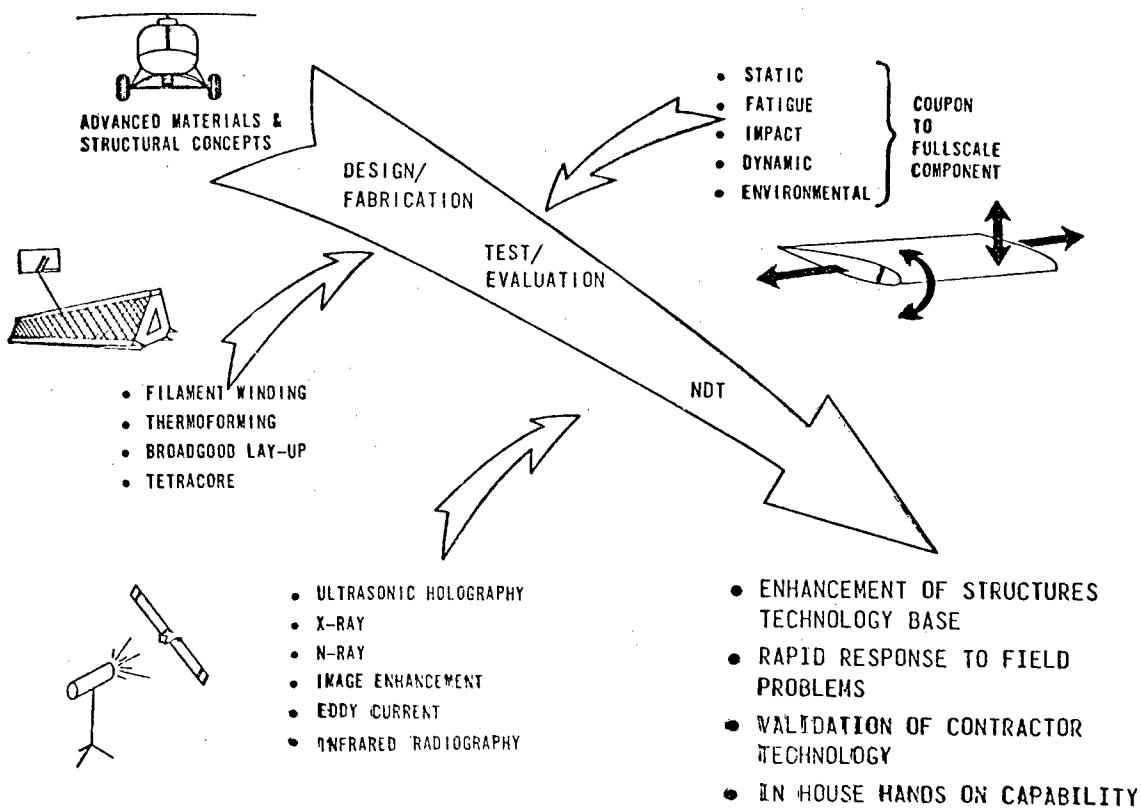


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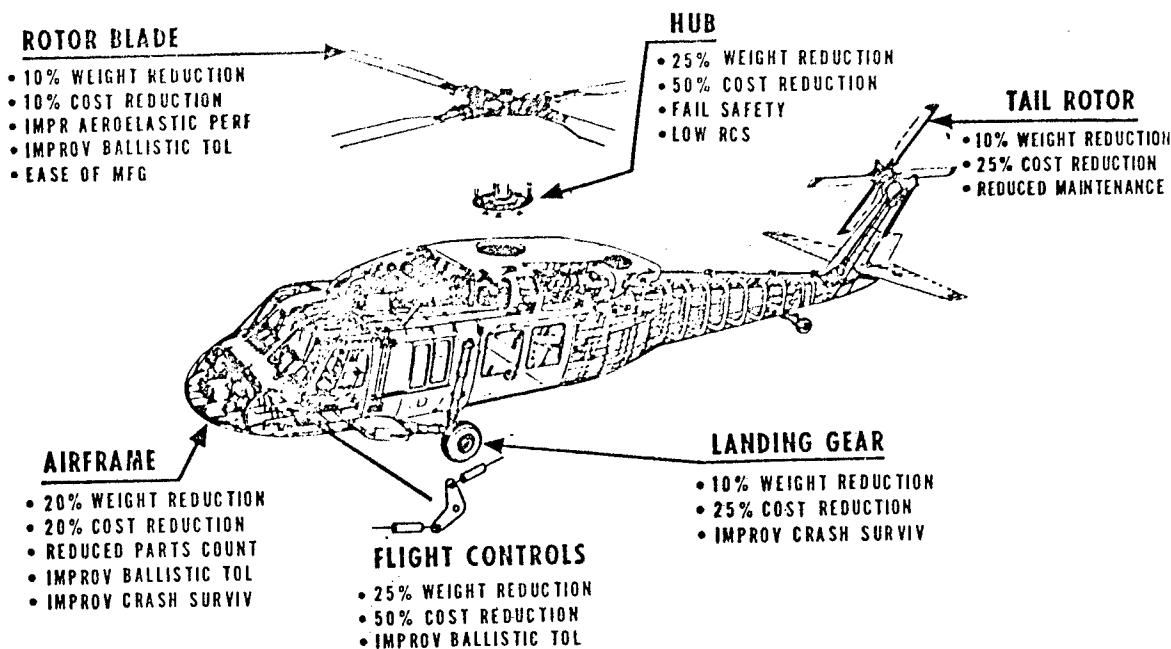
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# STRUCTURES LAB

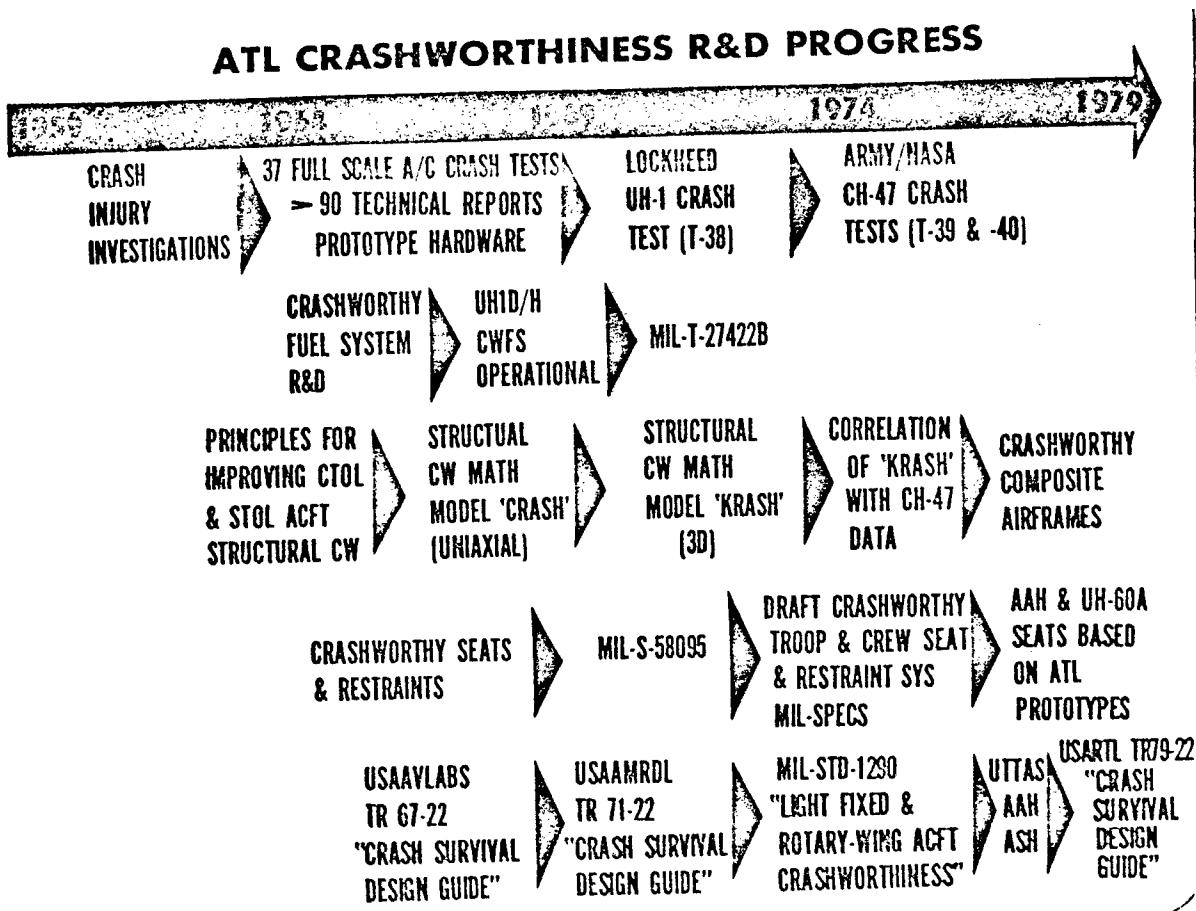


## POTENTIAL COMPOSITES PROFITS



NOTE: % COST & WT REDUCTIONS REPRESENT THOSE VALUES OBTAINABLE IF ITEM IS HIGHEST PRIORITY

## ATL CRASHWORTHINESS R&D PROGRESS





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**ADVANCED CONCEPTS FOR COMPOSITE STRUCTURE  
JOINTS AND ATTACHMENT FITTINGS PROGRAM**

**DAAJ02-77-C-0076**

**This briefing covers the analytical work accomplished under the Composite  
Joints and Fittings Program.**

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## COMPOSITE JOINTS AND ATTACHMENT FITTINGS

### AGENDA

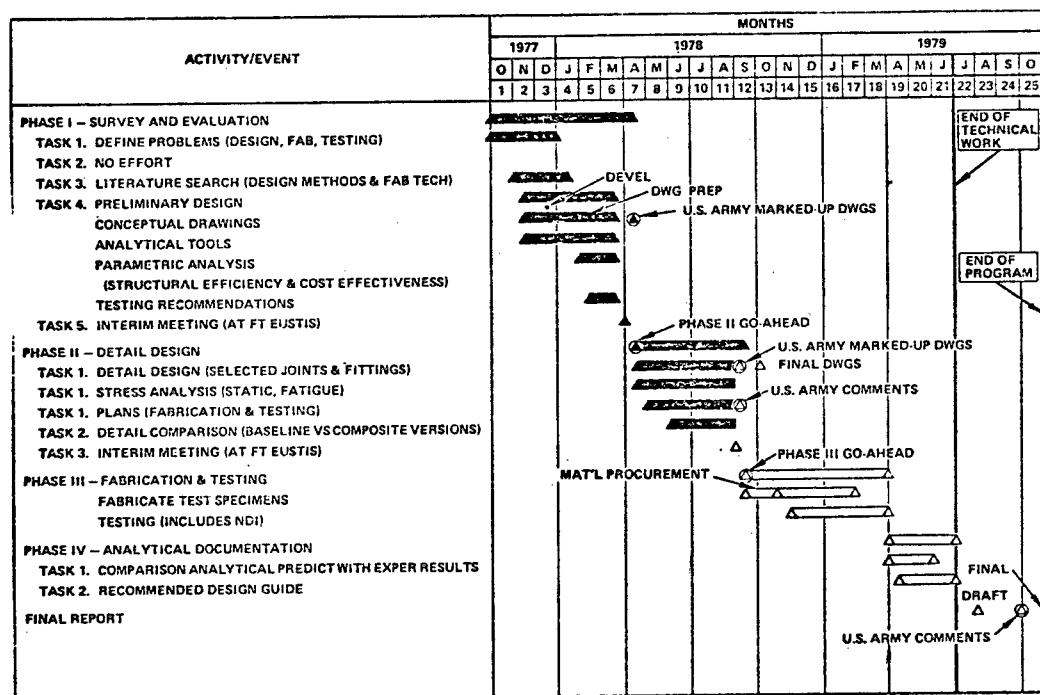
#### 0 BRIEF PROGRAM SUMMARY

#### 0 ANALYTICAL METHODS USED



## COMPOSITE JOINTS AND ATTACHMENT FITTINGS PROGRAM SUMMARY

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE



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This program is divided into four phases:

- I      Preliminary Design
- II     Detail Design
- III    Fabrication and Test of 16 specimens covering three joint/fitting designs
- IV    Documentation

The program is scheduled for 25 months with 21 months of technical effort and 4 months for final report preparation, approval and release.

The program commenced on 30 September 1977 and will end in October 1979.

We are currently awaiting release of Phase III.



## COMPOSITE JOINTS AND ATTACHMENT FITTINGS PROGRAM SUMMARY

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### OBJECTIVE

Develop Competitive Basic Concepts

Helicopter Primary Joints & Fittings

Capable of Disassembly

Cost Effective

Save Weight

The program objective is to develop competitive basic concepts for helicopter primary joints and fittings capable of disassembly using composite materials which when integrated into composite components are cost effective and save weight when compared to the baseline metallic component.



## COMPOSITE JOINTS AND FITTINGS ANGLE BRACKET

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### ANALYTICAL METHODS USED

- o PRESENT STATE-OF-THE-ART CONVENTIONAL ANALYTICAL METHODS
  
- o THE ANGLE BRACKET INTERLAMINAR STRESS ANALYSIS



## COMPOSITE JOINTS AND FITTINGS

### ANGLE BRACKET

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#### o ANGLE BRACKET - INTERLAMINAR STRESS ANALYSIS

- PROBLEM DEFINITION
- METHODS
- COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
- OBSERVATIONS

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One of the problems that warranted attention is the laminated corner of tension joints.

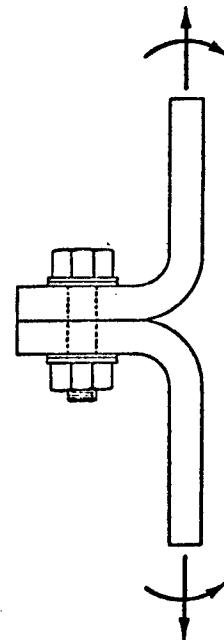


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#### PROBLEM DEFINITION

- TYPICAL CORNER BRACKET TENSION JOINT
- NATURE OF THE PROBLEM — EXISTING DISCONTINUITIES
  - (a) TENSION JOINT
  - (b) THE CORNER - PREMATURE, DELAMINATIONS
  - (c) MATERIAL - ANISOTROPIC
    - HETROGENEOUS
    - LAMINATED



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#### ASSUMPTIONS

- ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ARE IGNORED
- MATERIAL IS HOMOGENEOUS, ORTHOTROPIC IN LOAD AXIS, WITH MATRIX ELASTIC PROPERTIES IN THE LATERAL DIRECTION
- LOAD IS UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED.

#### OBJECTIVE

- TO ESTABLISH METHODOLOGY FOR THE DETERMINATION OF INTERLAMINAR STRESSES



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### ANALYTICAL METHODS

- THEORETICAL - THE FINITE DIFFERENCE SCHEME
- THE FINITE ELEMENT SCHEME - NASTRAN



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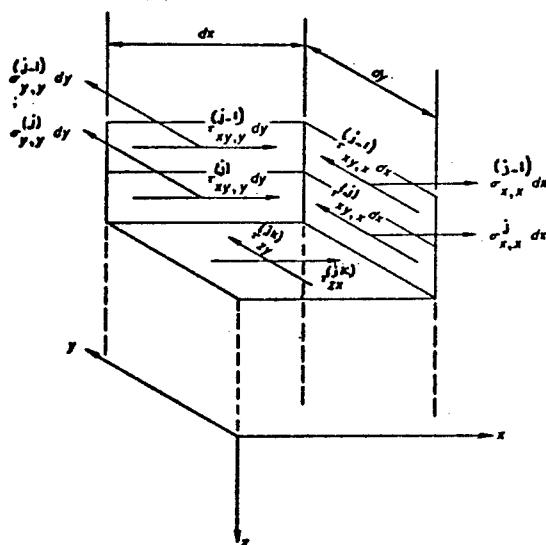
### THEORETICAL

#### INTERLAMINAR SHEARING STRESS LAMINAS J AND K

$$\tau_{zx}^{(jk)} dx dy = - \int_{h_0}^{h_j} (\sigma_{x,x} dx + \tau_{xy,y} dy) dz$$

$$\tau_{zy}^{(jk)} dx dy = - \int_{h_0}^{h_j} (\sigma_{y,y} dy + \tau_{xy,x} dx) dz$$

MULTI-DIRECTIONAL PLANE ANISOTROPIC PLATES





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LAMINATED PLATE THEORY

$$[e^{ik}] = \begin{bmatrix} e_{11}^{ik} & e_{12}^{ik} & e_{13}^{ik} \\ e_{21}^{ik} & e_{22}^{ik} & e_{23}^{ik} \\ e_{31}^{ik} & e_{32}^{ik} & e_{33}^{ik} \end{bmatrix} = [C^{ik}][a^{ik}]$$

$$[f^{ik}] = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11}^{ik} & f_{12}^{ik} & f_{13}^{ik} \\ f_{21}^{ik} & f_{22}^{ik} & f_{23}^{ik} \\ f_{31}^{ik} & f_{32}^{ik} & f_{33}^{ik} \end{bmatrix} = [C^{ik}][b^{ik}]$$

$$t_{12}^{ik} = - \sum_{i=1}^k [g_{11}^{ik} \ g_{12}^{ik} \ g_{13}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} U_{xxx} \\ U_{xxy} \\ -U_{xyx} \end{Bmatrix} \\ + [h_{11}^{ik} - p_{11}^{ik} \ h_{12}^{ik} - p_{12}^{ik} \ h_{13}^{ik} - p_{13}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} W_{xxx} \\ W_{xxy} \\ 2W_{xyx} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$+ [g_{21}^{ik} \ g_{22}^{ik} \ g_{23}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} U_{xxx} \\ U_{xxy} \\ -U_{xyx} \end{Bmatrix} \\ + [h_{21}^{ik} - p_{21}^{ik} \ h_{22}^{ik} - p_{22}^{ik} \ h_{23}^{ik} - p_{23}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} W_{xxx} \\ W_{xxy} \\ 2W_{xyx} \end{Bmatrix}$$

In a similar manner

$$[e^{ik}] = \int_{h_{k-1}}^{h_k} [e^{ik}] dz = (h_k - h_{k-1}) [e^{ik}]$$

$$[h^{ik}] = \int_{h_{k-1}}^{h_k} [f^{ik}] dz = (h_k - h_{k-1}) [f^{ik}]$$

$$[p^{ik}] = \int_{h_{k-1}}^{h_k} z [C^{ik}] dz = \frac{1}{2} (h_k^2 - h_{k-1}^2) [C^{ik}]$$

$$t_{12}^{ik} = - \sum_{i=1}^k [g_{11}^{ik} \ g_{12}^{ik} \ g_{13}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} U_{xxx} \\ U_{xxy} \\ -U_{xyx} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$+ [h_{11}^{ik} - p_{11}^{ik} \ h_{12}^{ik} - p_{12}^{ik} \ h_{13}^{ik} - p_{13}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} W_{xxx} \\ W_{xxy} \\ 2W_{xyx} \end{Bmatrix}$$

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LAMINATED CYLINDRICAL SHELL THEORY

and

$$t_{12}^{ik} = - \sum_{i=1}^k [g_{11}^{ik} \ g_{12}^{ik} \ g_{13}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{U_{xxx}}{r^2} \\ U_{xxy} \\ -U_{xyx} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$t_{12}^{ik} = - \sum_{i=1}^k [g_{11}^{ik} \ g_{12}^{ik} \ g_{13}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{U_{xxx}}{r^2} \\ \frac{U_{xxy}}{r} \\ -\frac{U_{xyx}}{r^2} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$+ [h_{11}^{ik} - p_{11}^{ik} \ h_{12}^{ik} - p_{12}^{ik} \ h_{13}^{ik} - p_{13}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} W_{0,xxx} \\ \frac{W_{0,xxy}}{r^2} \\ \frac{W_{0,xyx}}{r} \end{Bmatrix} + [g_{21}^{ik} \ g_{22}^{ik} \ g_{23}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{U_{xxx}}{r^2} \\ \frac{U_{xxy}}{r} \\ -\frac{U_{xyx}}{r^2} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$+ [h_{21}^{ik} - p_{21}^{ik} \ h_{22}^{ik} - p_{22}^{ik} \ h_{23}^{ik} - p_{23}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{W_{0,xxx}}{r} \\ \frac{W_{0,xxy}}{r^2} \\ \frac{W_{0,xyx}}{r^2} \end{Bmatrix} + [g_{31}^{ik} \ g_{32}^{ik} \ g_{33}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{U_{xxx}}{r^2} \\ \frac{U_{xxy}}{r} \\ -\frac{U_{xyx}}{r^2} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$+ [h_{31}^{ik} - p_{31}^{ik} \ h_{32}^{ik} - p_{32}^{ik} \ h_{33}^{ik} - p_{33}^{ik}] \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{W_{0,xxx}}{r} \\ \frac{W_{0,xxy}}{r^2} \\ \frac{W_{0,xyx}}{r^2} \end{Bmatrix}$$

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#### INTERLAMINAR TENSION

BASED ON THE THICK PLATE THEORY  
3-DIMENSIONAL ANISOTROPY ELASTIC PROPERTIES

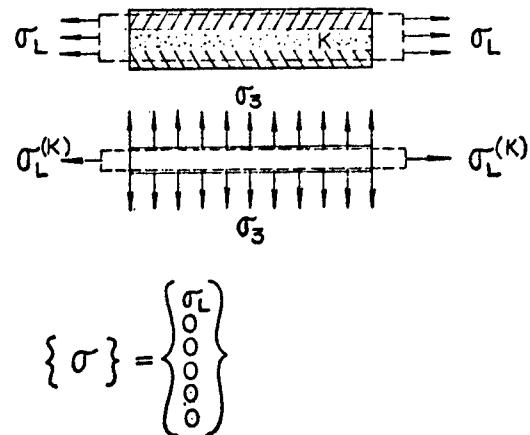
$$\{\sigma\} = [C_{ij}] \{\epsilon\}$$
$$\{\sigma\}^{(K)} = [C_{ij}]^{(K)} \{\epsilon\}^{(K)} \quad K^{\text{th}} \text{ LAMINA}$$

BUT  $\{\epsilon\}^{(K)} = [S_{ij}] \{\sigma\}$

WHERE:  $[S_{ij}] = [C_{ij}]^{-1}$

$$\therefore \{\sigma\}^{(K)} = [C_{ij}]^{(K)} [S_{ij}] \{\sigma\}$$

$[C_{ij}]$  = STIFFNESS MATRIX  
 $[S_{ij}]$  = COMPLIANCE MATRIX



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#### FINITE ELEMENT

- PREPROCESSOR - MESH GENERATOR "GENGRID"

IDEALIZATION

PARAMETERS

ELEMENTS

- BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
- MATERIAL PROPERTIES
- APPLIED LOADS
- NASTRAN EXAMPLE



## COMPOSITE JOINTS AND FITTINGS ANGLE BRACKET

### THE FINITE ELEMENT

#### a. MODEL C-1

AN IDEALIZATION OF THE ANGLE BRACKET TO STUDY THE  
INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT/LOAD DISTRIBUTION

#### b. MODEL C-2

A "LAMINATED STRIP" TAKEN FROM C-1 TO DETERMINE THE  
INTERLAMINAR STRESS/STRAINS

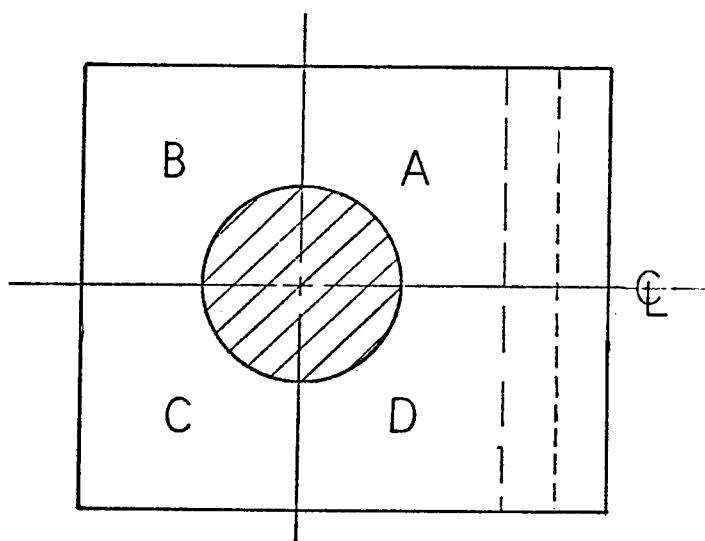


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### IDEALIZATION

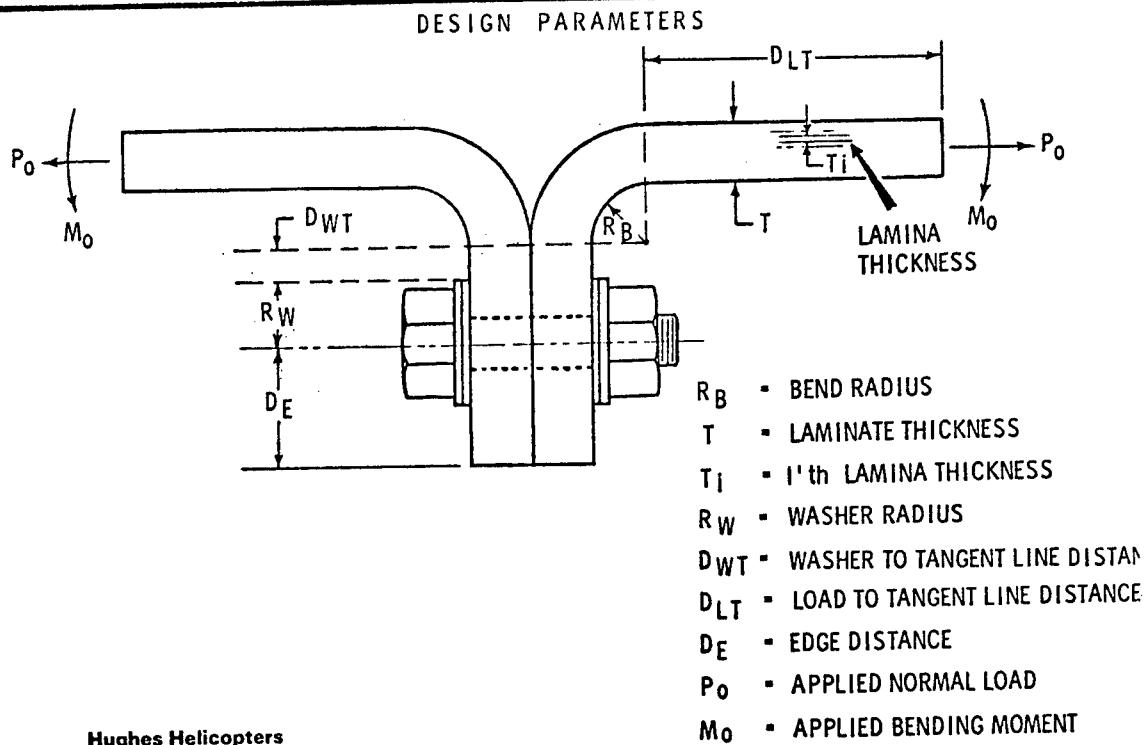
Symmetry

C & D are a Mirror Image  
of B & A





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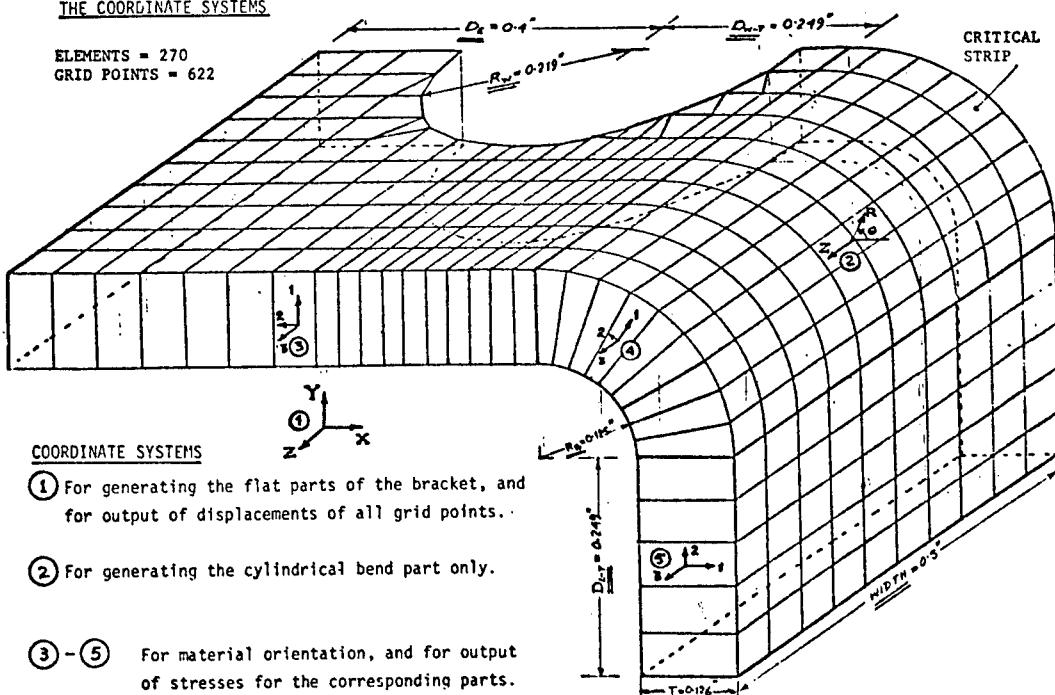
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PREPROCESSOR GENERATED NASTRAN MODEL (C1-0), AND  
THE COORDINATE SYSTEMS

ELEMENTS = 270  
GRID POINTS = 622



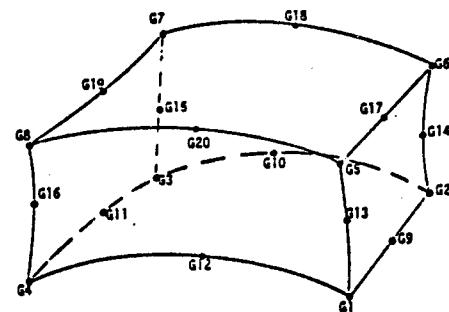


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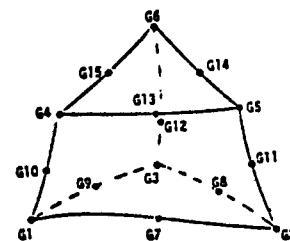
ISOPERAMETRIC ELEMENTS

"MSC/NASTRAN"

1. HEXA



2. PENTA



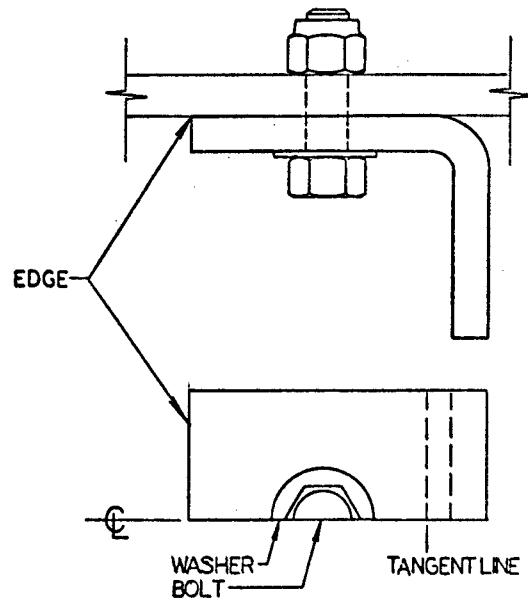
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BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (MODEL C-1)

Washer Boundary is Fixed



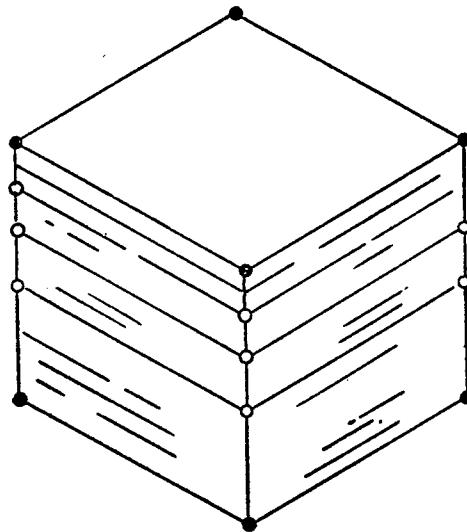
Edge Constrained Normally



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BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (MODEL C - 2)

- SINGLE POINT CONSTRAINTS & INFORCED DISPLACEMENTS - FOR GRIDS @ THE SURFACES AS IS IN THE C-1 OUTPUT
- MULTIPONT CONSTRAINTS (RSPLINE) - FOR THE INNER GRIDS (NEW GRIDS CREATED FOR C-2)



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MATERIAL PROPERTIES

$$[G_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(1-V_{23}V_{32})E_{11}}{V} & \frac{(V_2+V_{23}V_{31})E_{11}}{V} & \frac{V_3+V_2V_{32}E_{11}}{V} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{V_2+V_3V_{32}E_{22}}{V} & \frac{(1-V_3V_3)V_{22}}{V} & \frac{V_3+V_2V_{31}E_{22}}{V} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{(V_3+V_{23}V_{12})E_{33}}{V} & \frac{V_2+V_2V_3E_{33}}{V} & \frac{(1-V_2V_2)E_{33}}{V} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{23} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{31} \end{bmatrix}$$

WHERE  $V = 1 - V_{12} V_{21} - V_{23} V_{32} - V_{31} V_{3} - 2V_{12} V_{23} V_{31}$

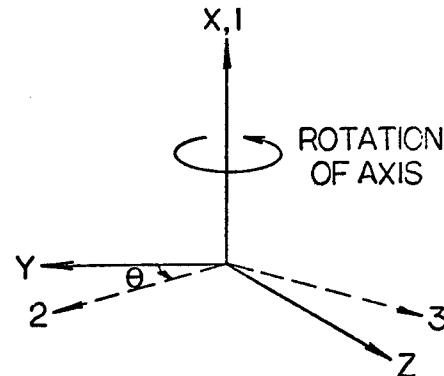


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MATERIAL PROPERTIES

$$[G^{(K)}] = [T^{(K)-1}] [G^{(K)}] [T^{(K)}]$$

$$[T^{(K)}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M^2 & N^2 & 0 & 2MN & 0 \\ 0 & N^2 & M^2 & 0 & -2MN & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & M & 0 & -N \\ 0 & -MN & MN & 0 & M^2 & N^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & N & 0 & M \end{bmatrix}$$



WHERE:

$$M = \cos \theta$$

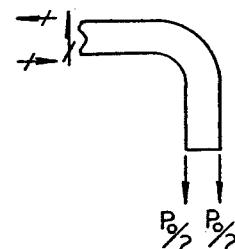
$$N = \sin \theta$$

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APPLIED LOADS

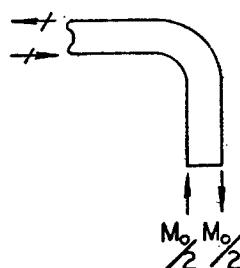
CASE 1

UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED PULL



CASE 2

IN CASE OF AN INITIAL ECCENTRICITY  
A COUPLE IS APPLIED UNIFORMLY  
DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE EDGES

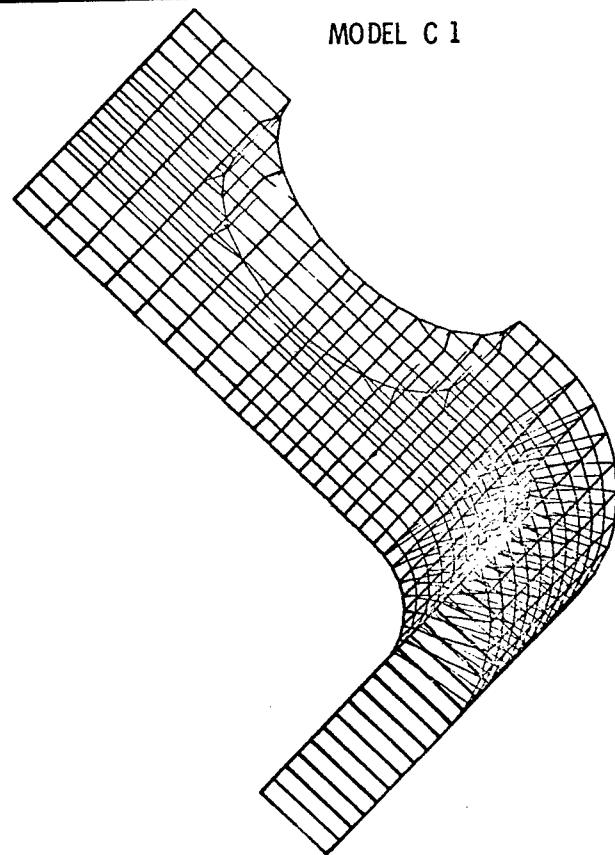




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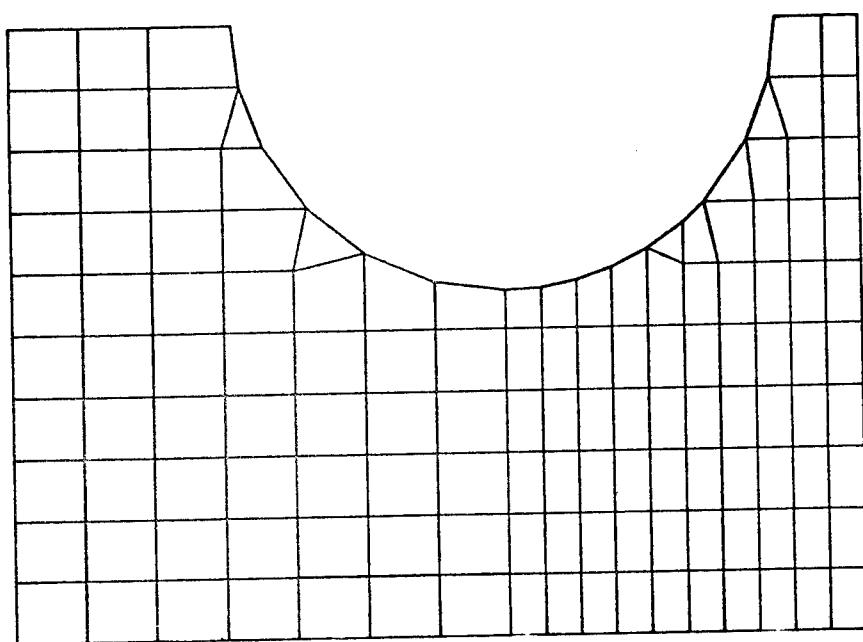
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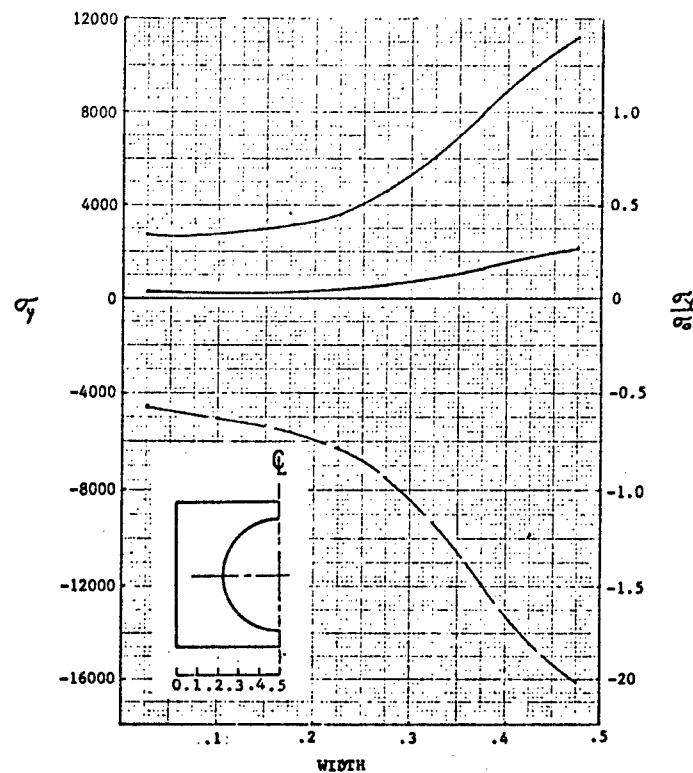


MODEL C 1

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C1-0 SUBCOM 3 UNIFORM PULL  $\sigma_y$  V.S. WIDTH



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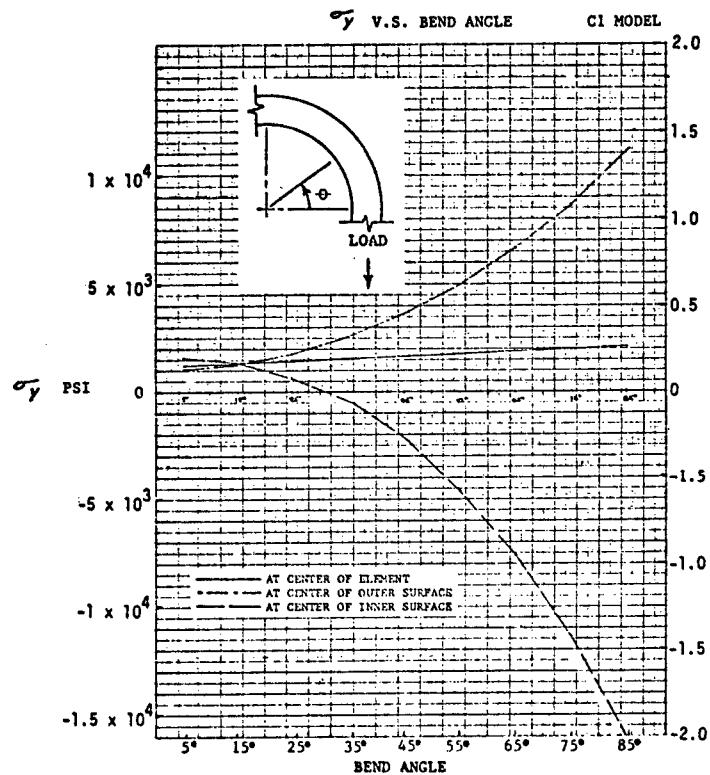
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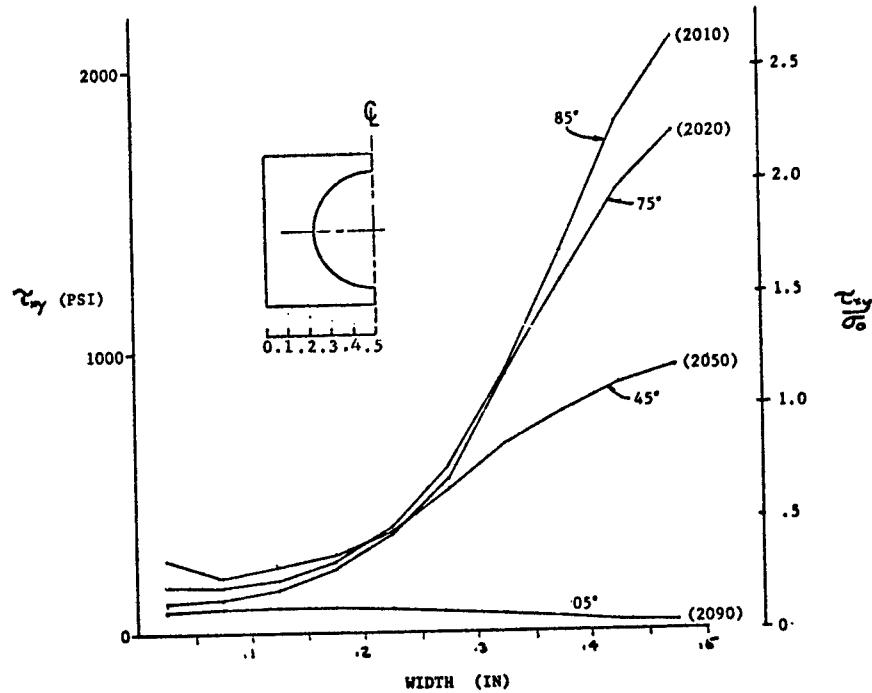
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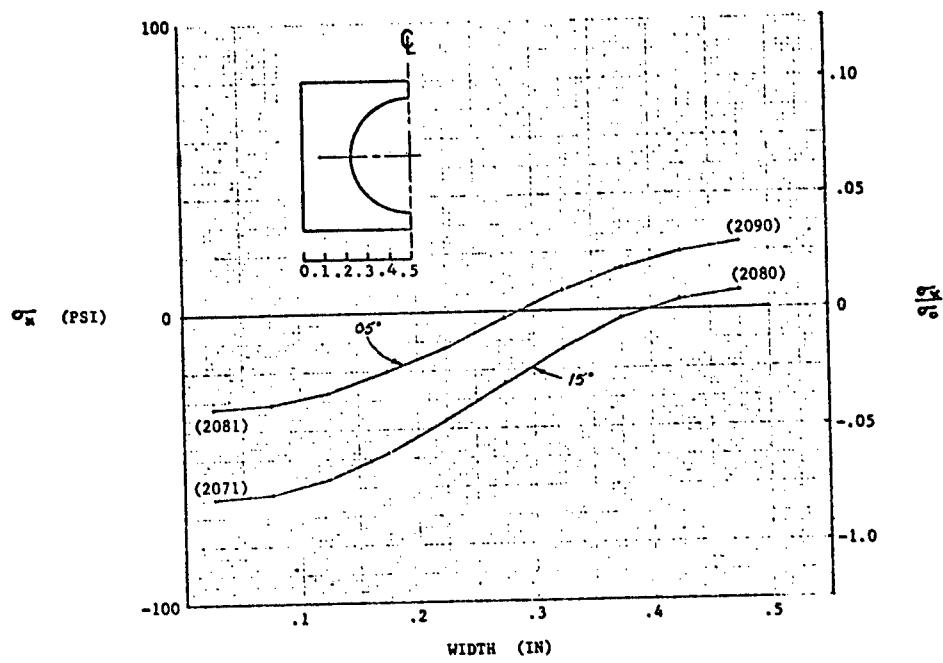
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C1 MODEL: UNIFORM PULL  
SHEAR STRESS V.S. WIDTH



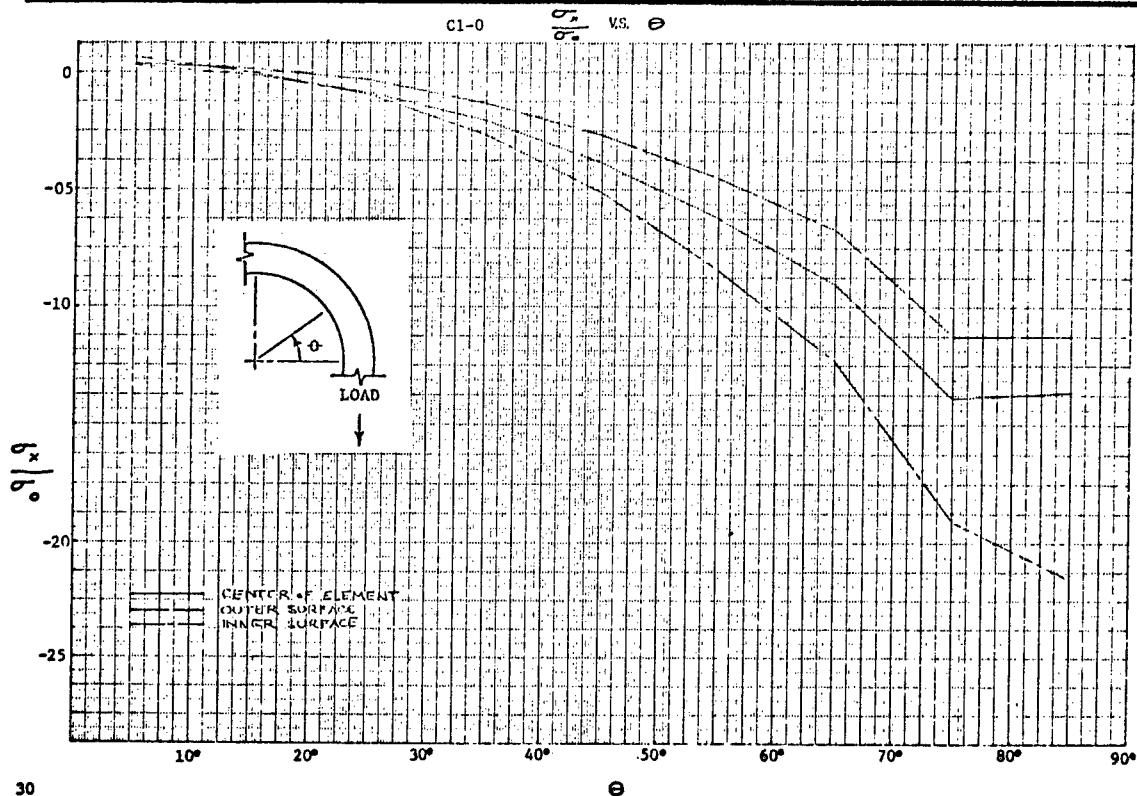
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C1 MODEL: UNIFORM PULL FLATWISE  
TENSION V.S. SPECIMEN WIDTH





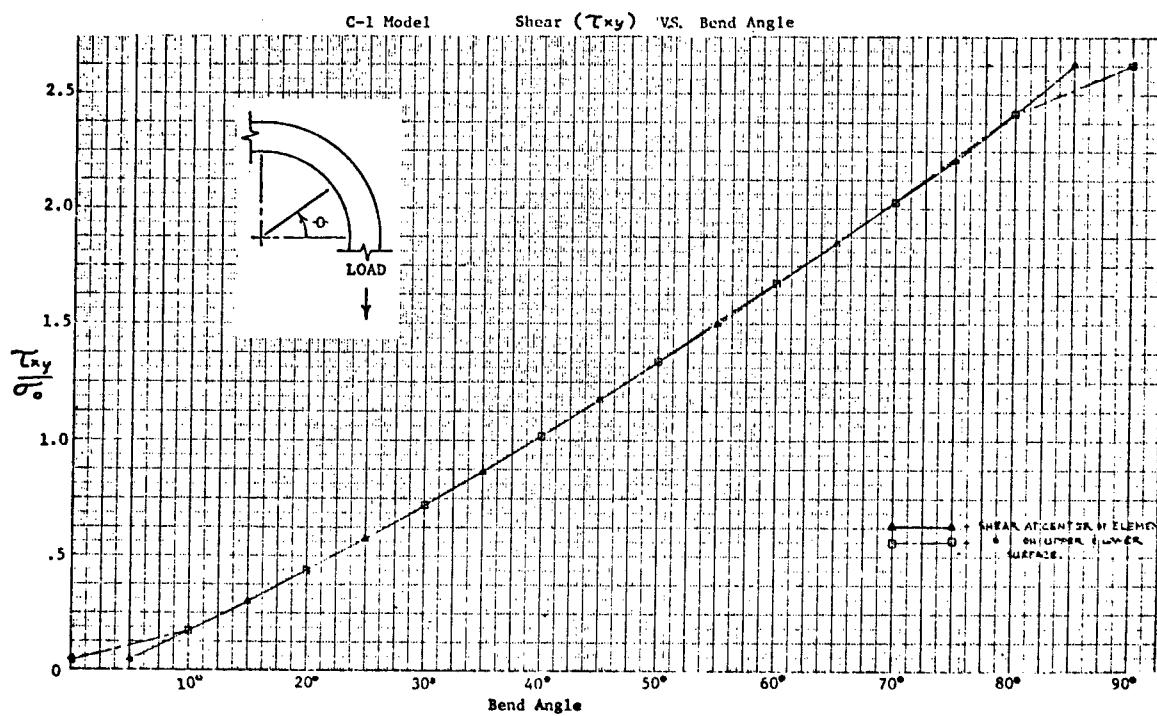
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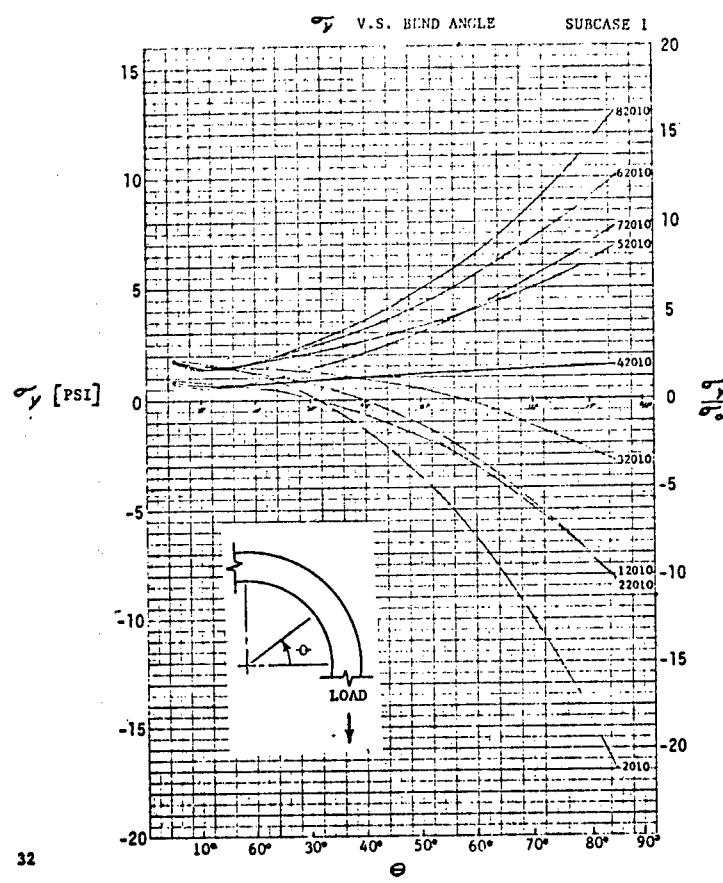


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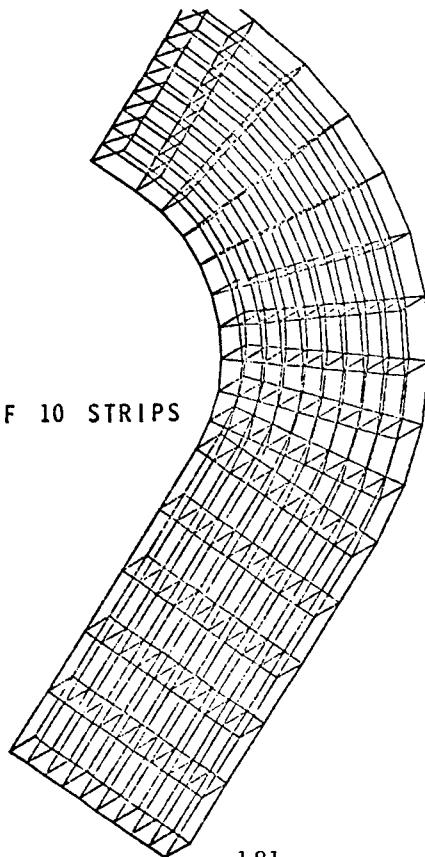


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MODEL C2  
FROM C1 OF 10 STRIPS



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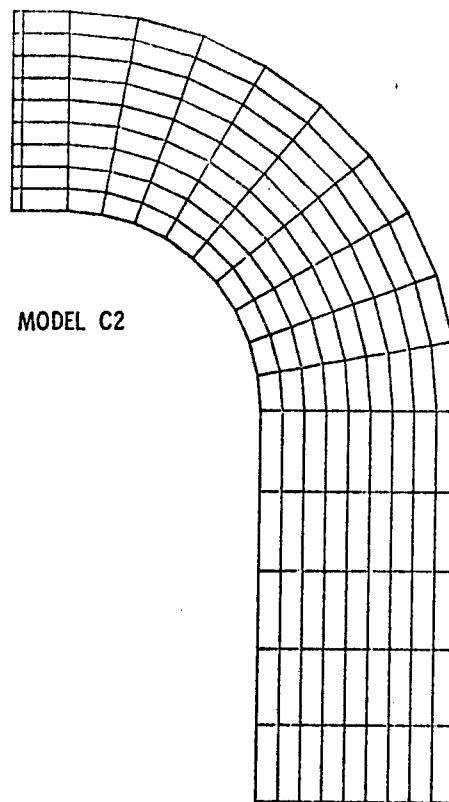
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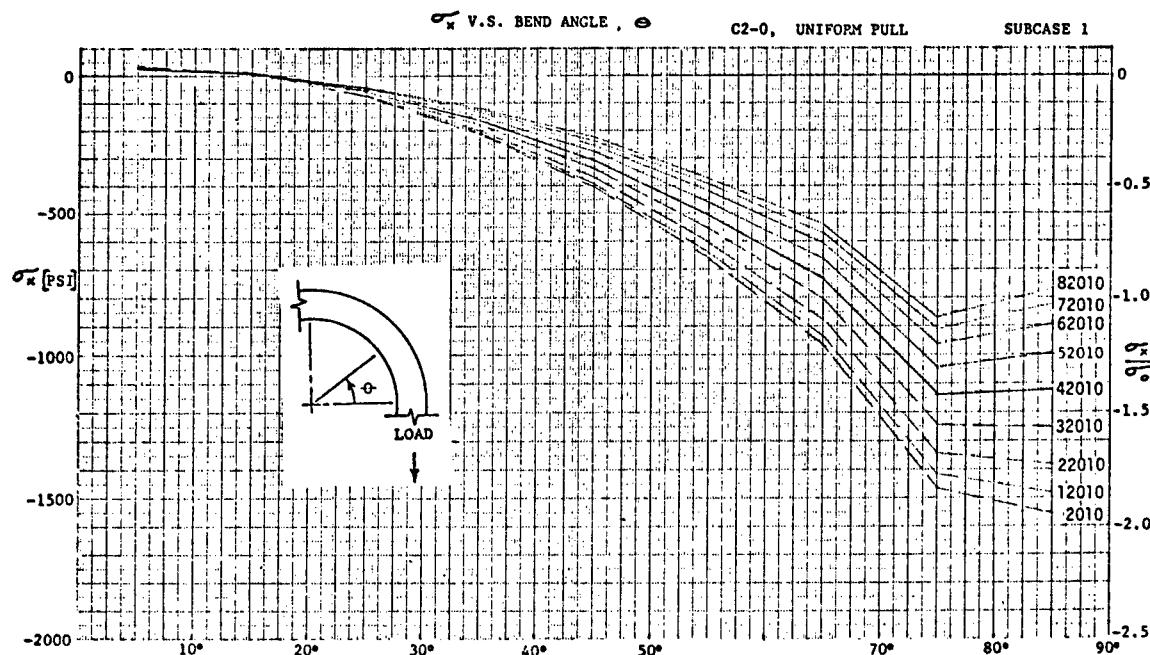
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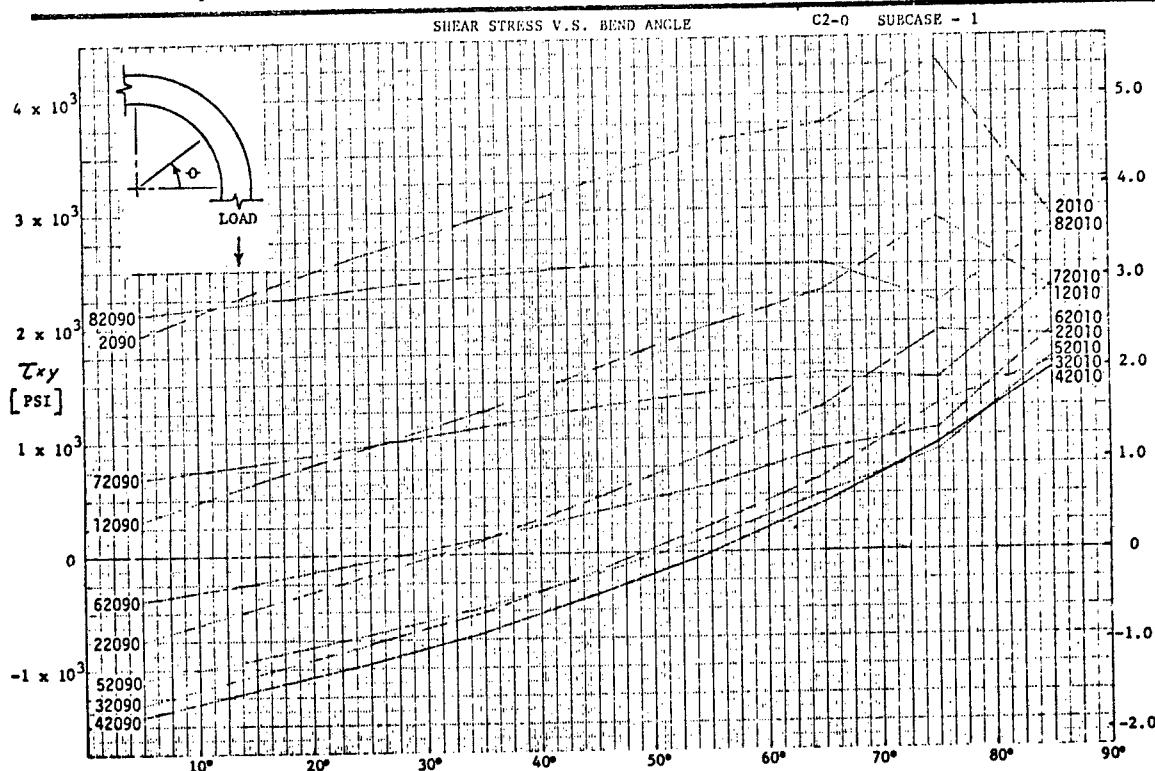
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## PARAMETRIC ANALYSIS

## MODEL C - 1

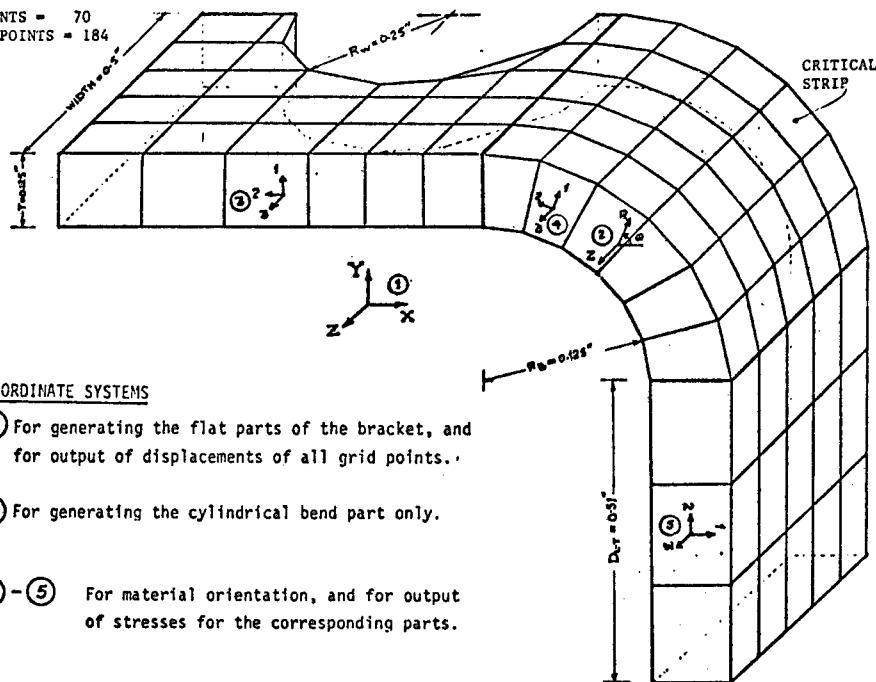
RUN	BEND RADIUS	t	RAD WASH	MATERIAL	E. D.	D <sub>wt</sub>	Δ T	D <sub>LTv</sub>
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2	.50		↓	↓		↓	↓	↓
3	.125		.219	[0 <sub>8</sub> /45 <sub>8</sub> /0 <sub>8</sub> ] <sub>3</sub>		.249		.249
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5		.25		↓				
6		.50		↓				
7		.125		[0 <sub>9</sub> /±45 <sub>16</sub> ]				
8				[0 <sub>13</sub> /±45 <sub>12</sub> ]				
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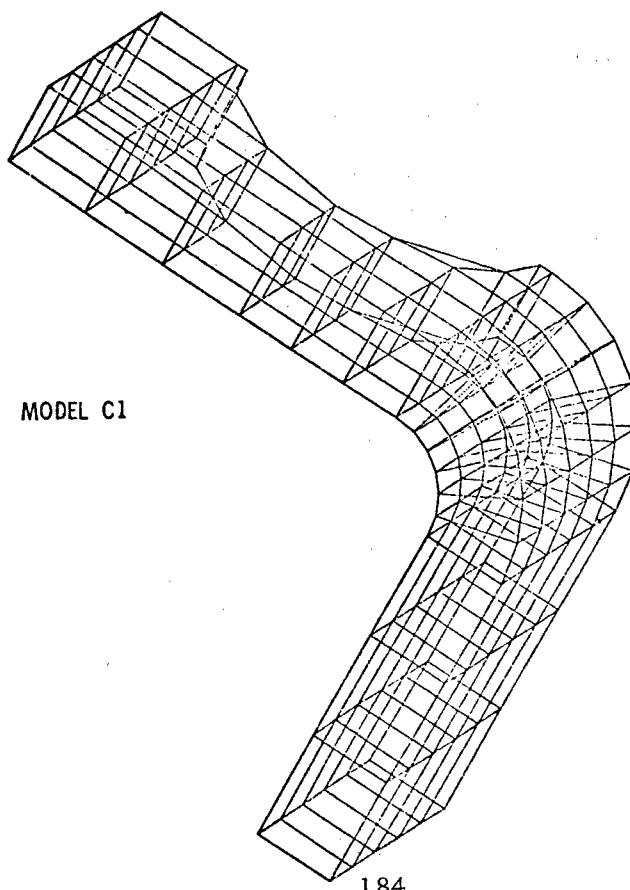
PREPROCESSOR GENERATED NASTRAN MODEL (C1-8), AND  
THE COORDINATE SYSTEMS

ELEMENTS = 70  
GRID POINTS = 184



COORDINATE SYSTEMS

- ① For generating the flat parts of the bracket, and for output of displacements of all grid points..
- ② For generating the cylindrical bend part only.
- ③ - ⑤ For material orientation, and for output of stresses for the corresponding parts.



MODEL C1

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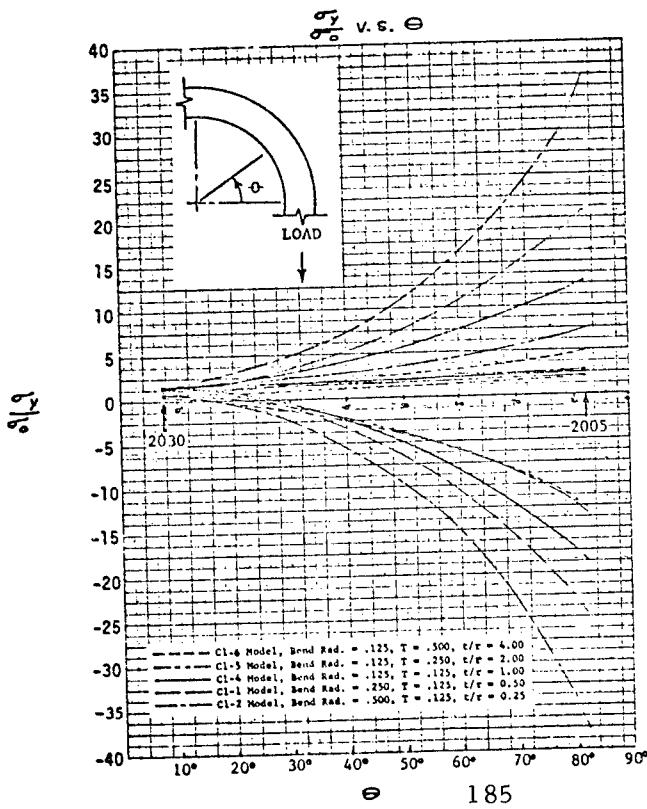
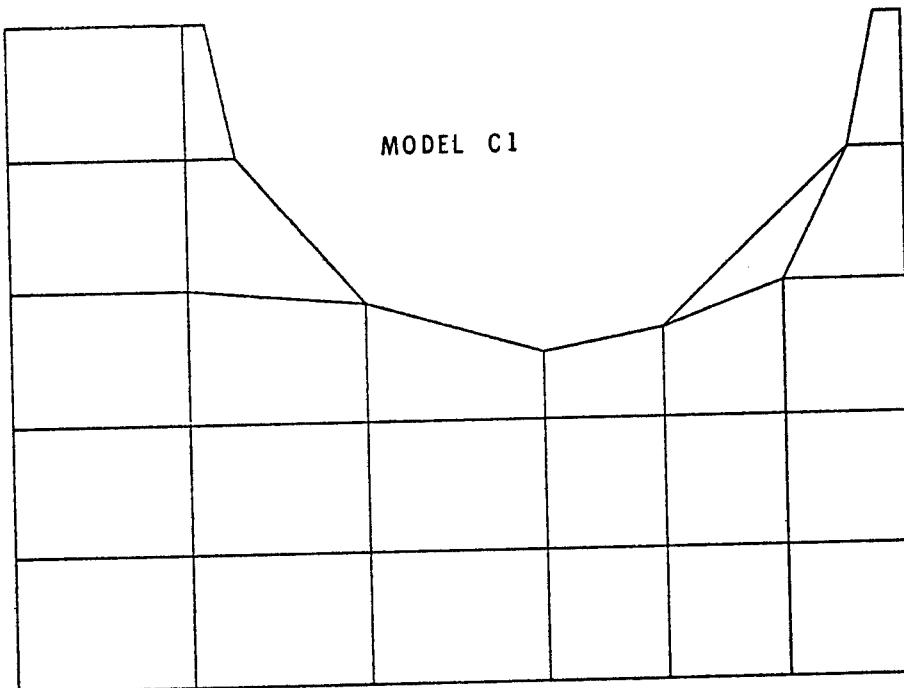
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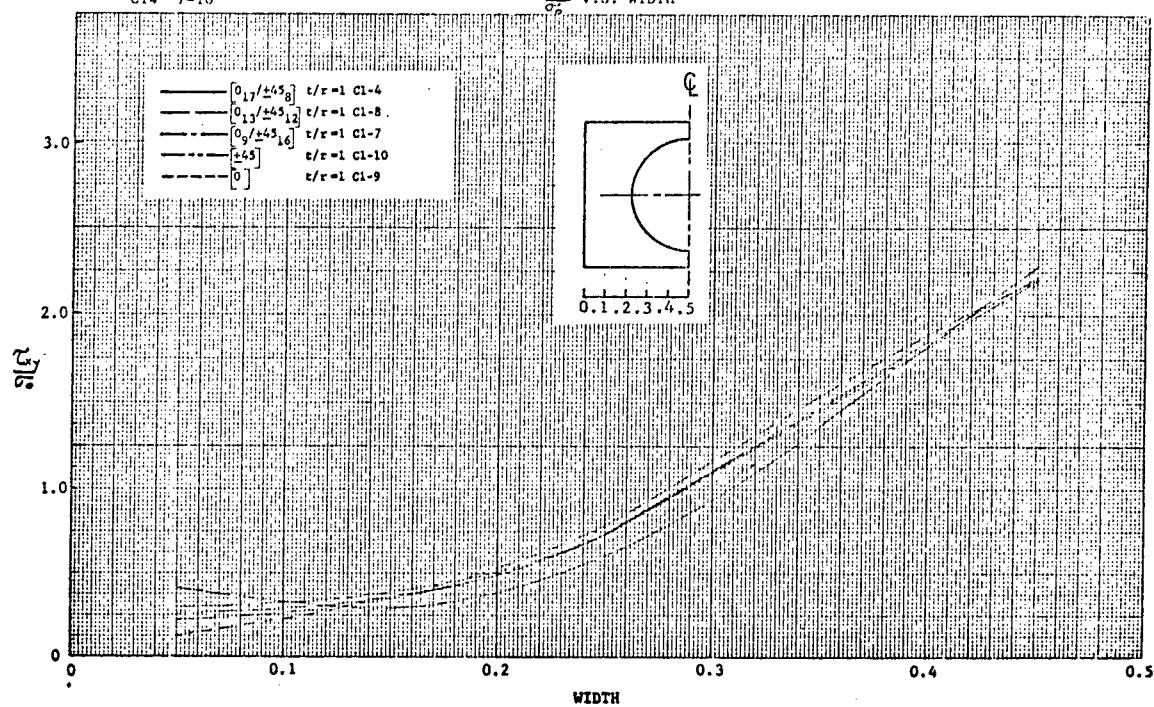
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C14 7-10

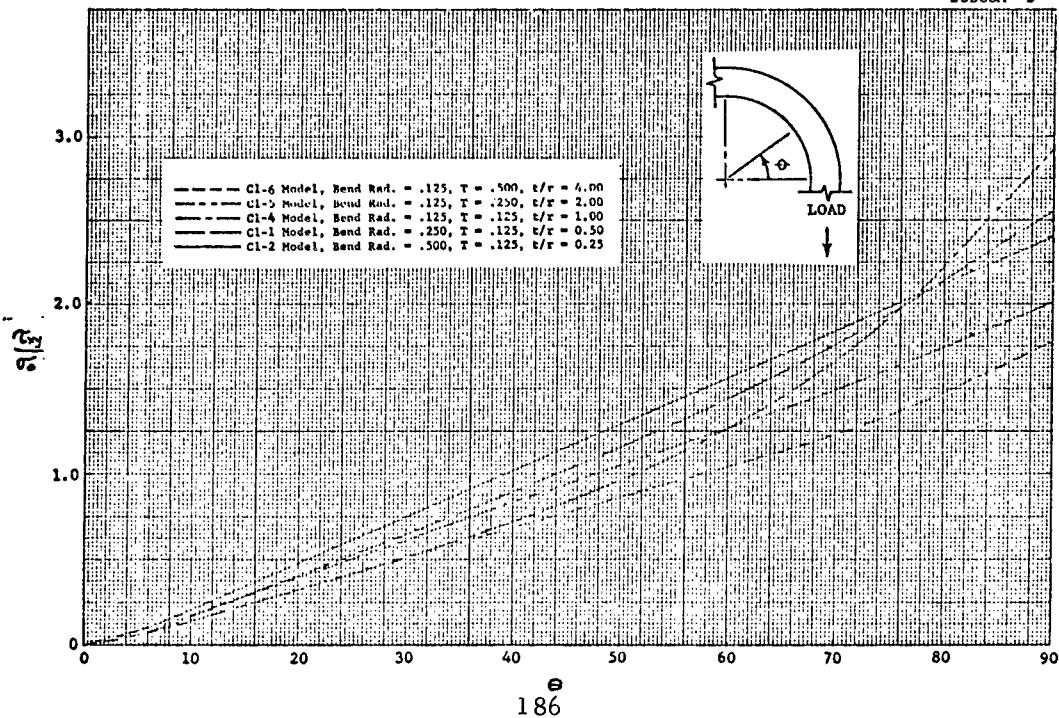
$\frac{\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_y}$  V.S. WIDTH



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$\frac{\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_y}$  V.S.  $\theta$

SUBCOM 3

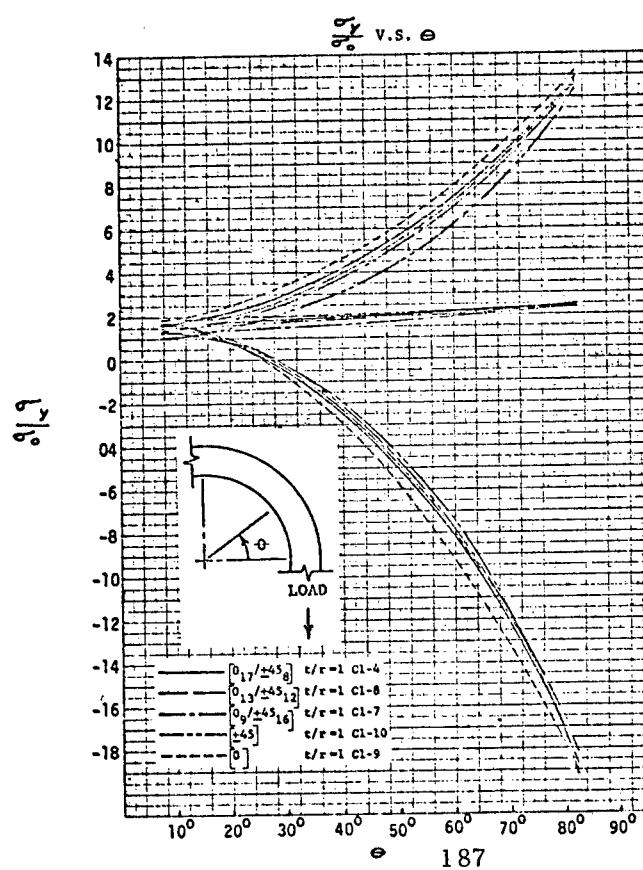
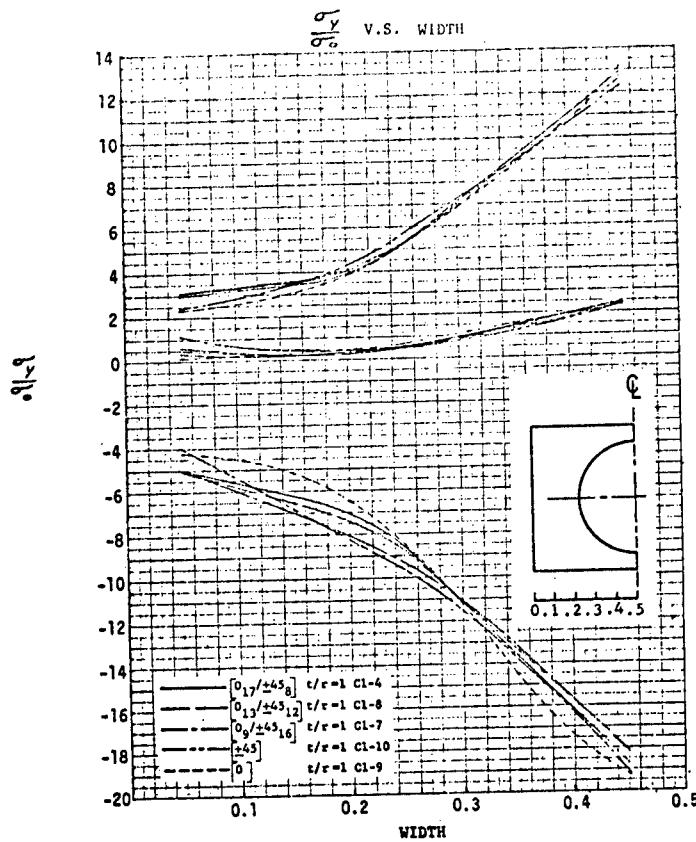




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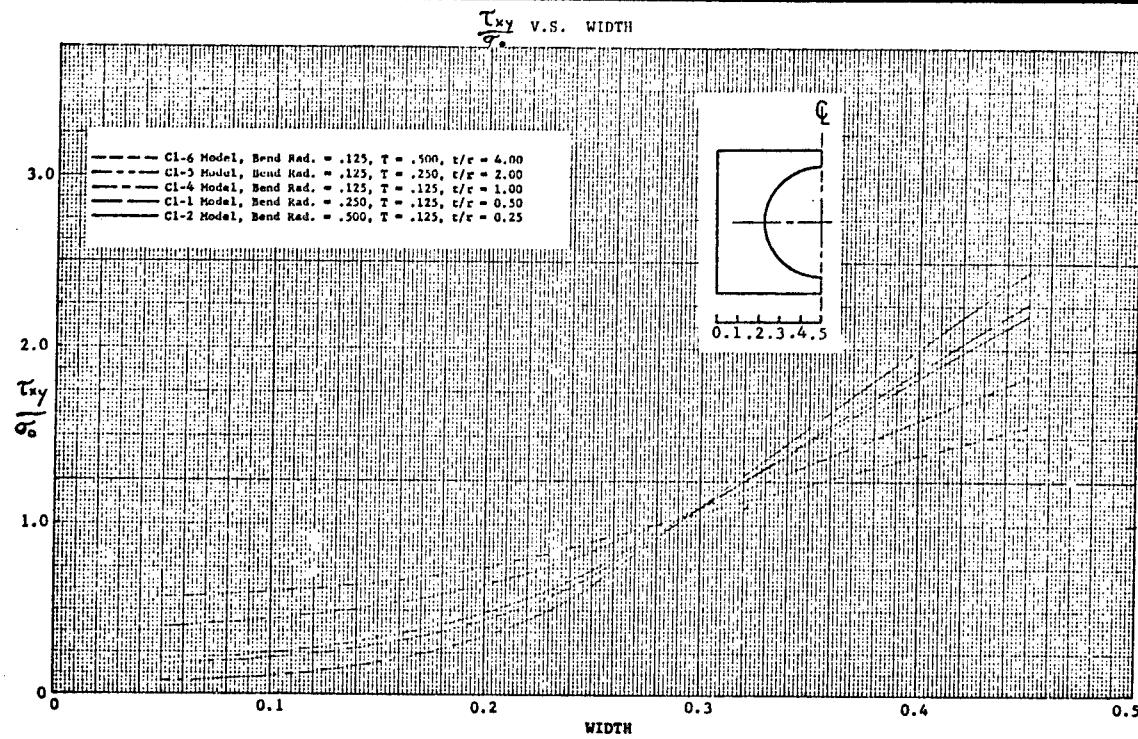
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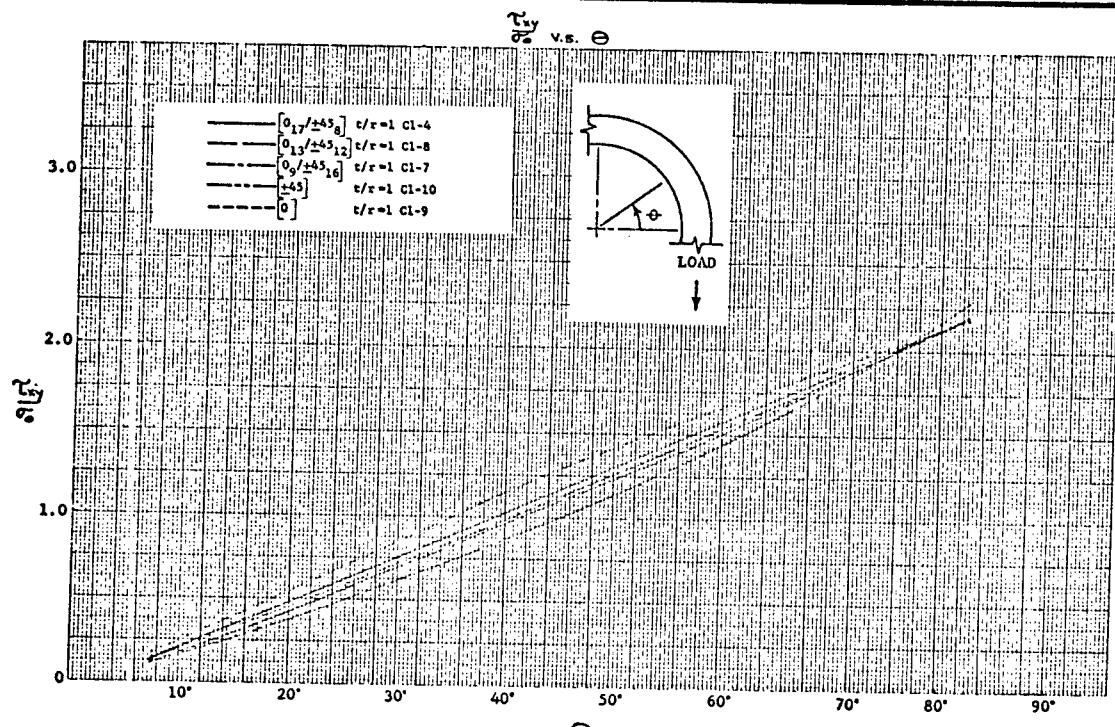
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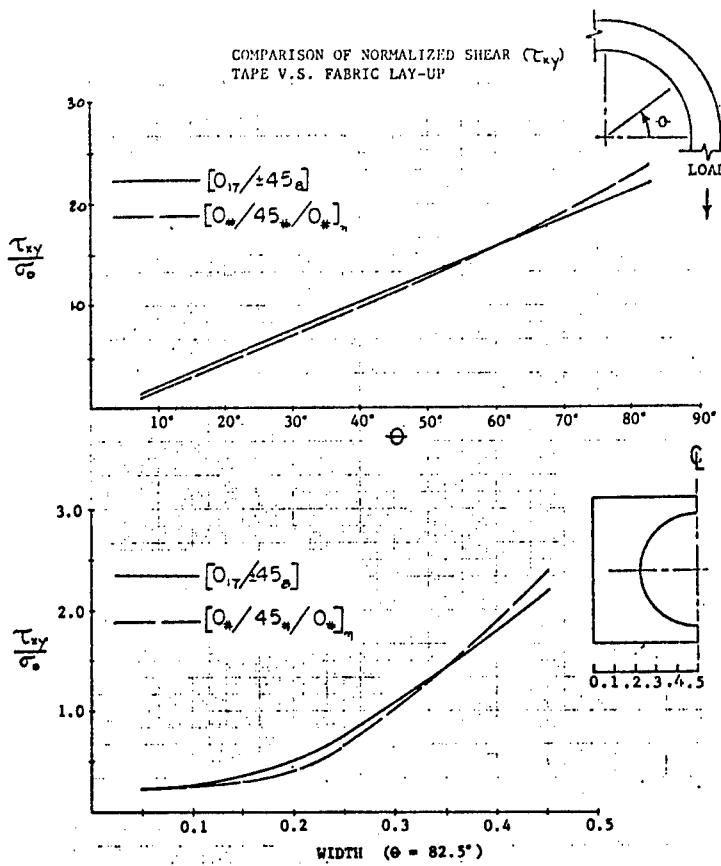


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PARAMETRIC STUDY FOR C2  
THE EFFECT OF THE STAKING  
SEQUENCE

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"INVESTIGATION OF THE CRASH IMPACT CHARACTERISTICS  
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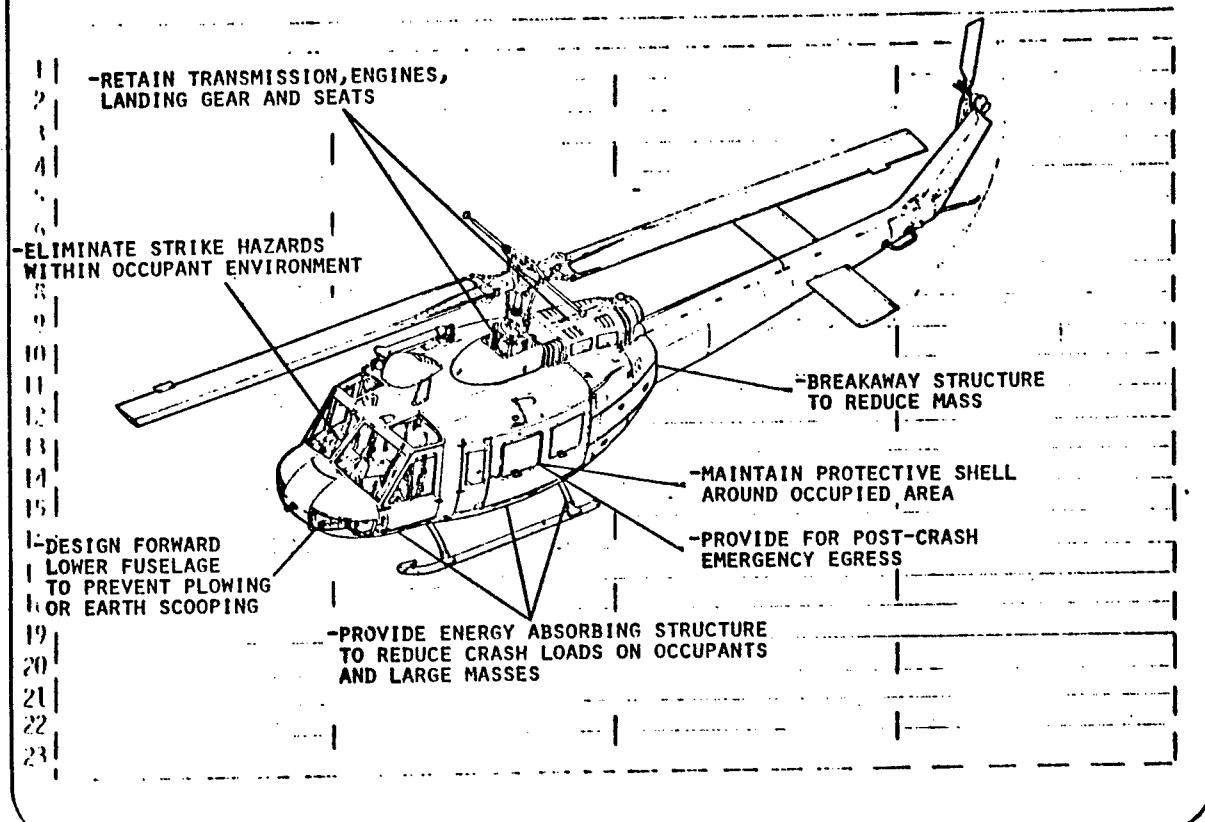
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- LITERATURE SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT OF S.O.A.
- DESIGN CONCEPTS
- STRUCTURE CRASH SIMULATION ASSESSMENT
  - GRUMMAN "DYCAST"
- CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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VIEWGRAPH LAYOUT SHEET

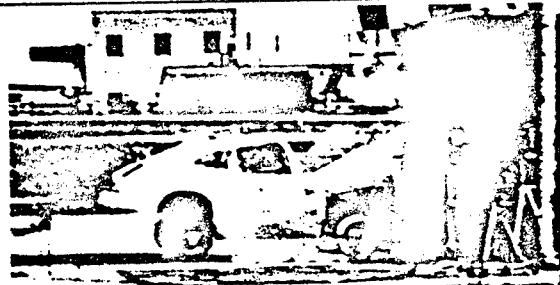
AIRFRAME STRUCTURE CRASHWORTHY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



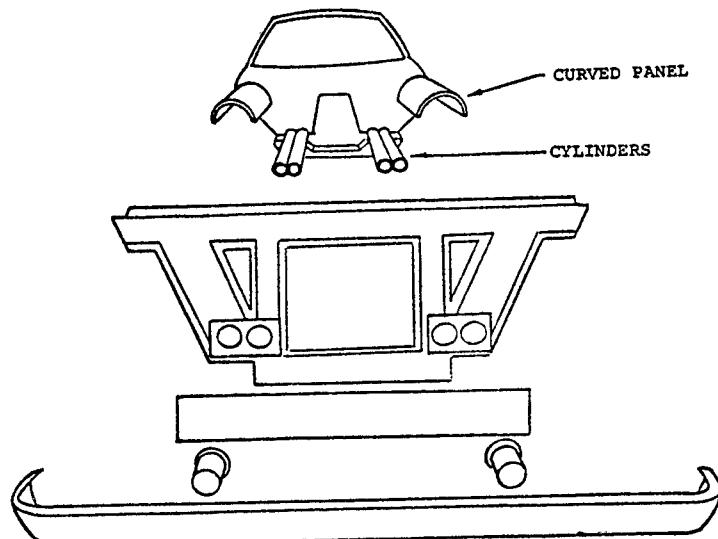
AVAILABLE CRASHWORTHINESS DESIGN CRITERIA

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS	ARMY MIL-STD-1290 TR 71-22	NAVY AR-56	AIR FORCE MIL-A-8860 8865	FAA FAR 23, 25 27 & 29
AIRFRAME PROTECTIVE SHELL	●	●		●
BREAKAWAY AIRFRAME STRUCTURE	●			
OCCUPANT STRIKE HAZARDS	●			
ENERGY ABSORPTION	●			
POST CRASH HAZARDS	●			
FAILURE MODES	●			
INERTIA FORCES TIEDOWN STRUCTURE	●	●	●	●

CRASH TEST OF COMPOSITE AUTOMOBILE FRONT END (BUDD CO.)



50 MPH BARRIER CRASH TEST



ENERGY ABSORBING FRONTAL STRUCTURE

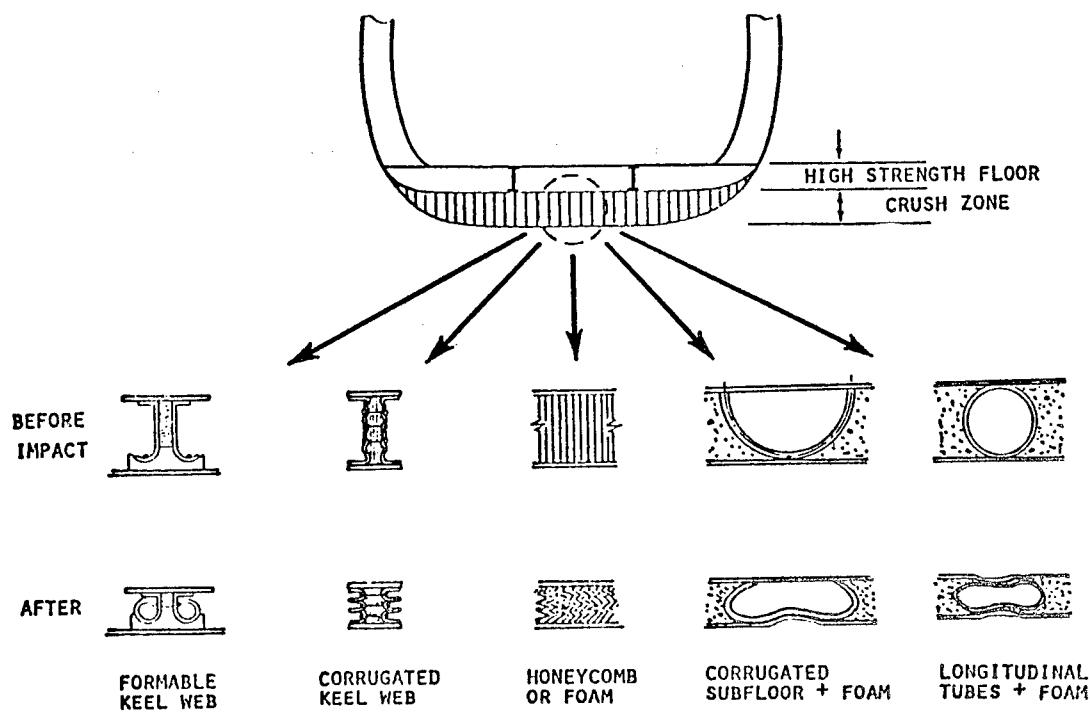
RESEARCH IN-PROGRESS

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- NASA - AIRFRAME CRASHWORTHY CONCEPTS
- BELL - COMPOSITE CYLINDER TESTS
- ARMY TESTING:
  - COMPOSITE STIFFENED CYLINDERS
  - FUSELAGE FLOOR SECTIONS

NASA/BELL  
AIRFRAME CRASHWORTHY CONCEPTS - METAL

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AIRFRAME CRASHWORTHY CONCEPTS - COMPOSITE

- HONEYCOMB OR FOAM WITH KEVLAR BELLY SKIN



- ENERGY ABSORBING COMPOSITE CRUSHABLE TUBES



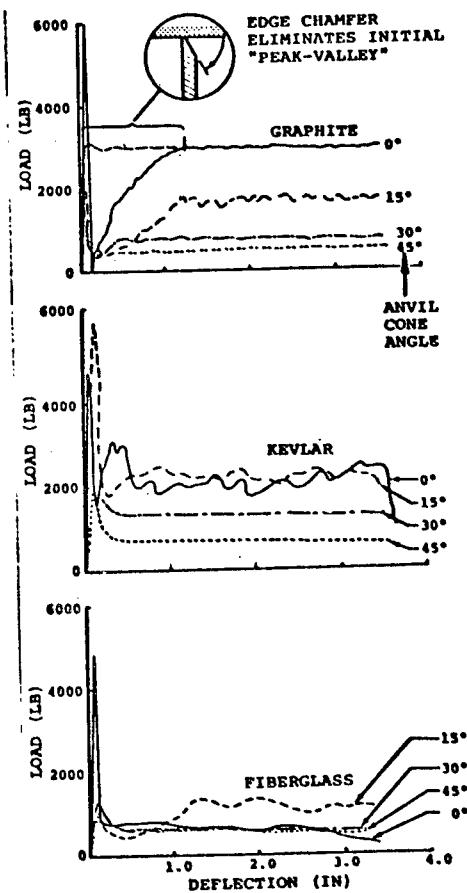
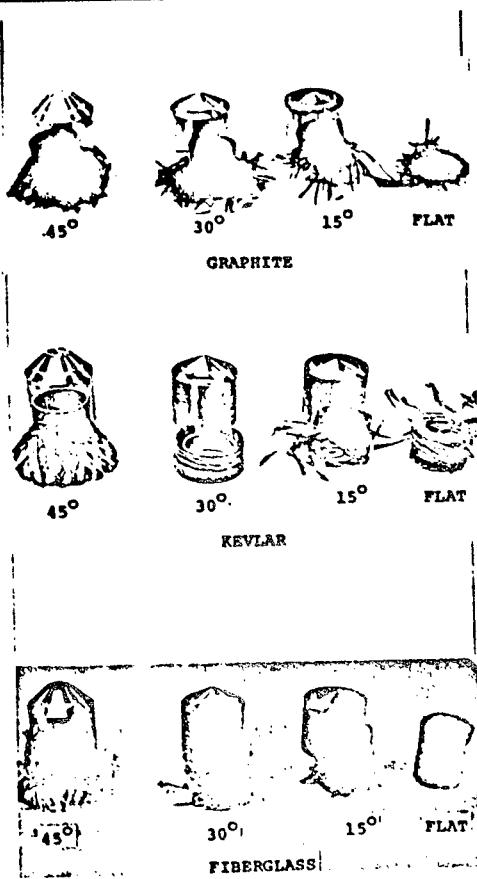
- FOAM AND COMPOSITE LONGITUDINAL TUBES



- KEVLAR/SEMI-RIGID FOAM/ FIBERGLASS BELLY PAN

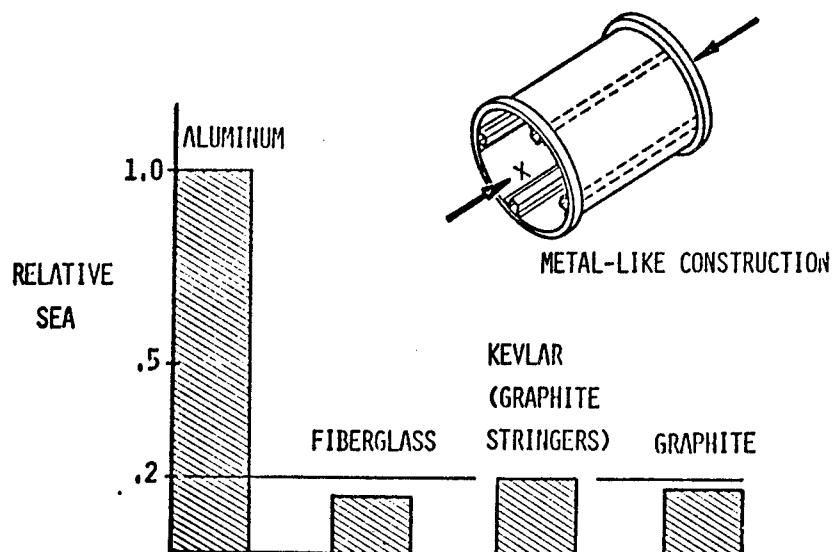


BELL - COMPOSITE CYLINDER TESTING



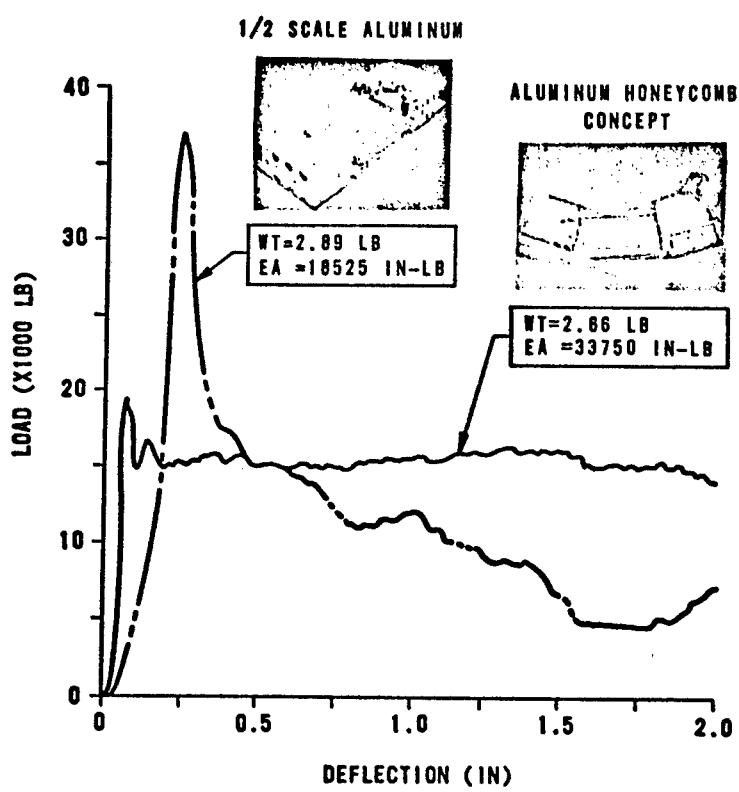
ARMY COMPOSITE STIFFENED CYLINDER TESTS -  
ENERGY ABSORPTION COMPARISON

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ARMY FUSELAGE SECTION TESTS

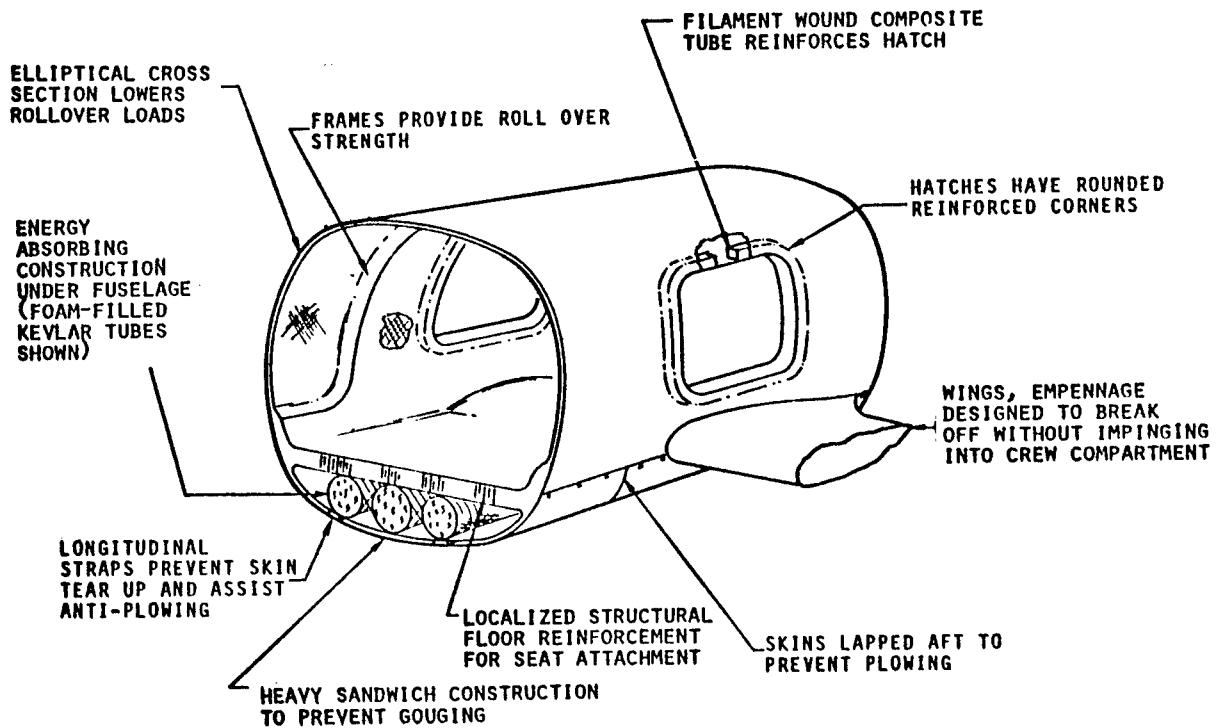
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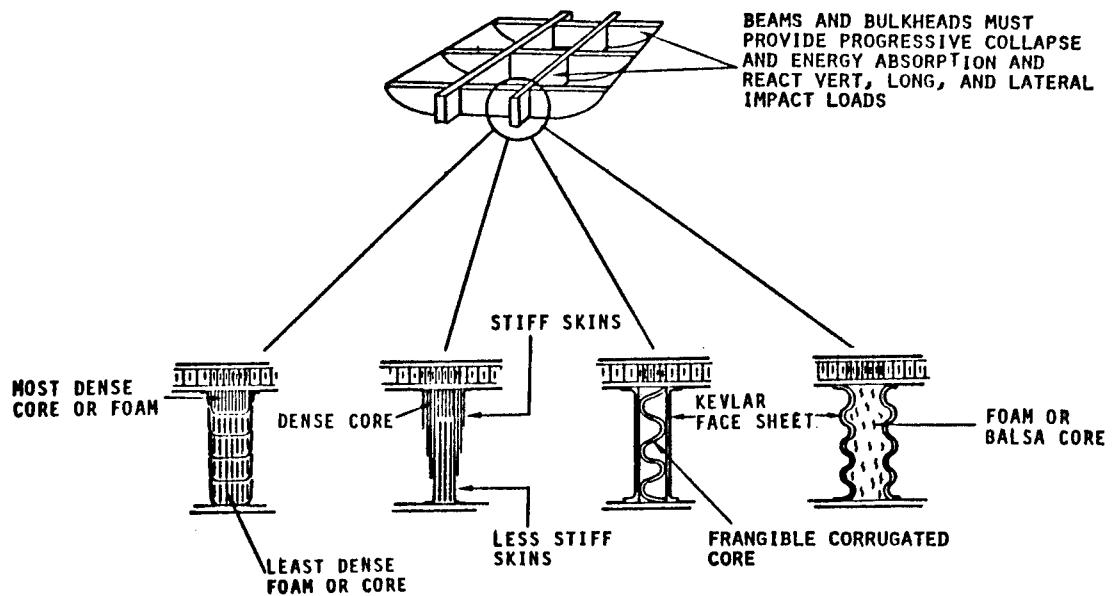
## CONCLUSIONS

- VERY LITTLE DATA EXISTS ON CRASH IMPACT OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURES.  
SUMMARY OF DATA THAT WAS FOUND:
  - (AUTOMOTIVE WORK) SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION MORE CRASHWORTHY THAN SOLID LAMINATE (METAL-LIKE) CONSTRUCTION
  - (ARMY STIFFENED CYLINDER TESTS) COMPOSITES CONSTRUCTED LIKE METALS HAVE LOWER ENERGY ABSORPTION
  - (BELL AND BUDD CO. STUDIES) COMPOSITES PROGRESSIVELY CRUSHED HAVE GOOD ENERGY ABSORPTION CHARACTERISTICS
- CONSIDERABLE DATA EXISTS ON BASIC STRENGTH AND PROJECTILE/FOD IMPACT OF COMPOSITES, BUT NOT APPLICABLE TO CRASH IMPACT

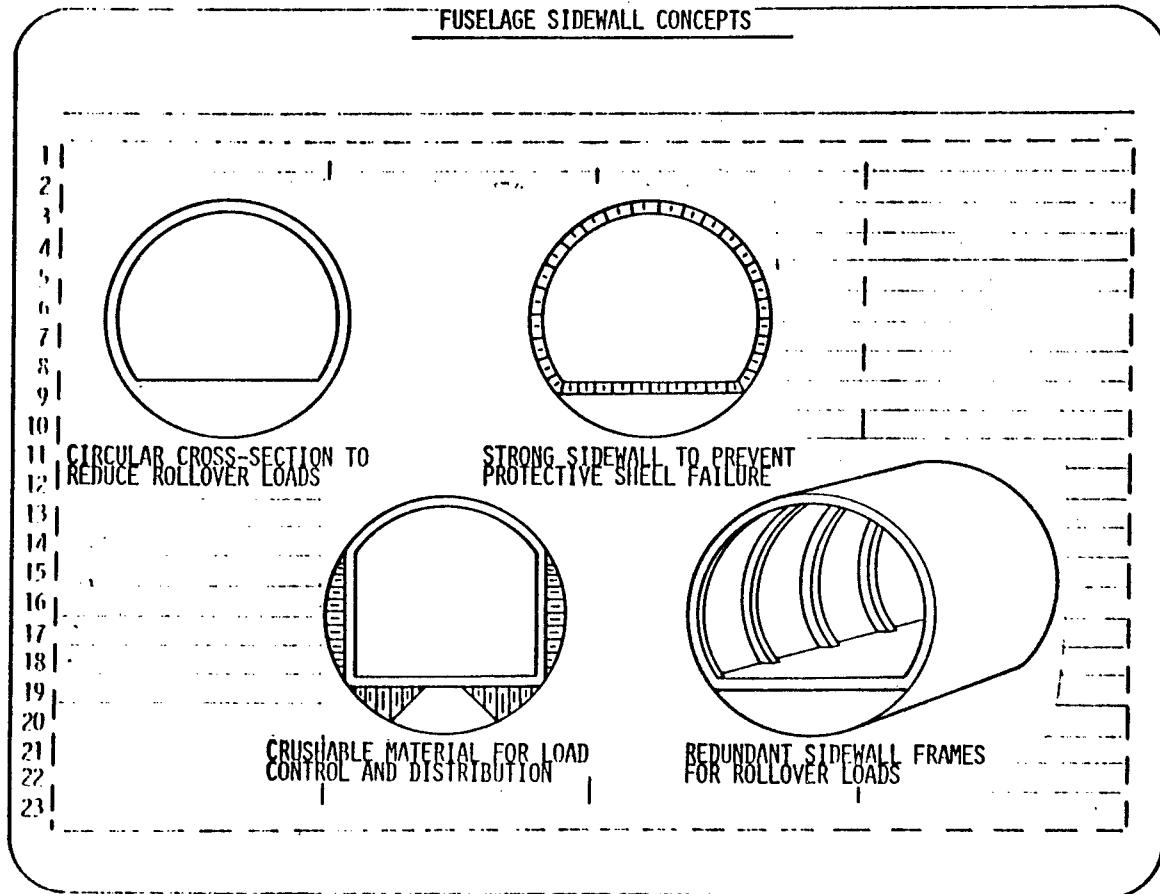
## OVERALL FUSELAGE CRASHWORTHY CONCEPTS



## ENERGY ABSORPTION CONCEPTS - BEAMS AND BULKHEADS

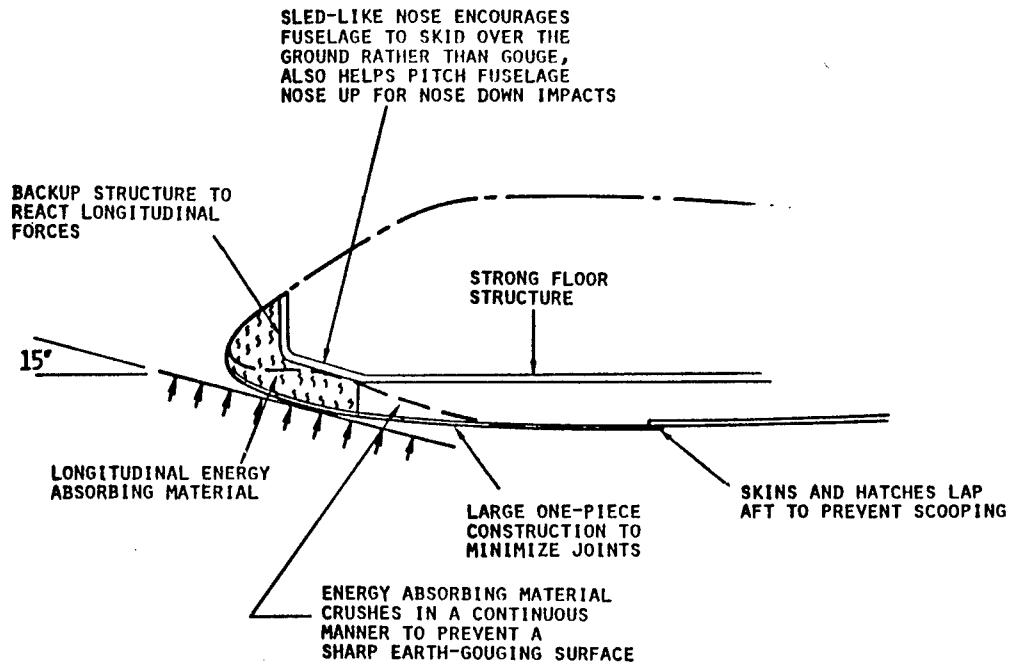


## VIEWGRAPH LAYOUT SHEET FUSELAGE SIDEWALL CONCEPTS



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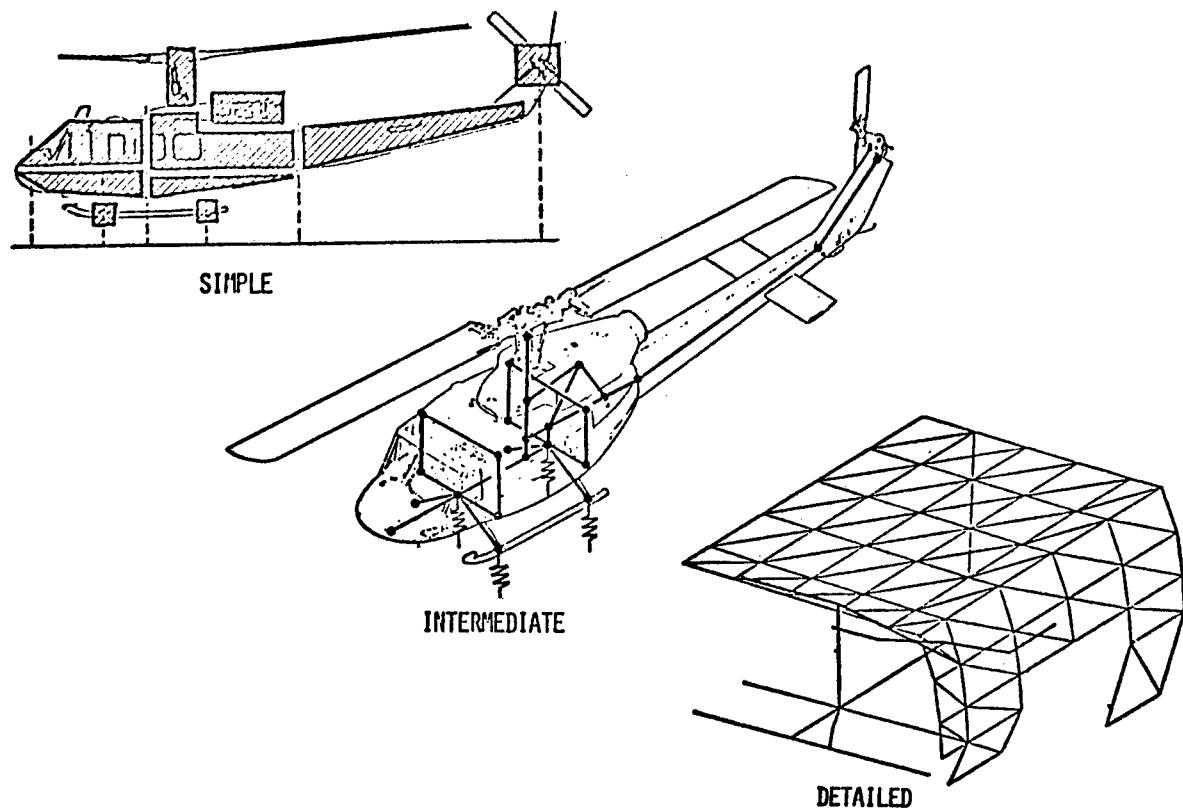
## LONGITUDINAL IMPACT - ANTI-PLOWING CONCEPTS



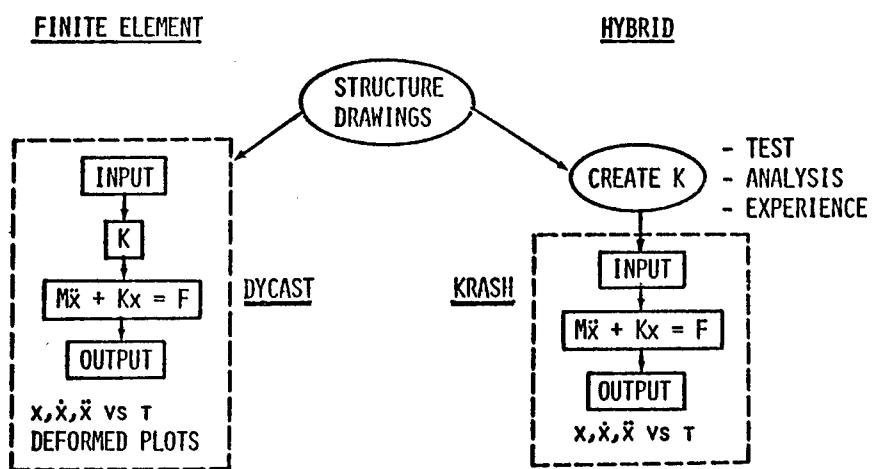
## STRUCTURE CRASH SIMULATION ASSESSMENT

- GRUMMAN 'DYCAST' ANALYSIS - NASA/FAA FUNDED
  - METAL FUSELAGE SECTION
  - COMPOSITE FUSELAGE SECTION
- LOCKHEED 'KRASH' ANALYSIS - ARMY AND FAA FUNDED
  - TROOP TRANSPORT HELICOPTER 30 FPS VERTICAL IMPACT

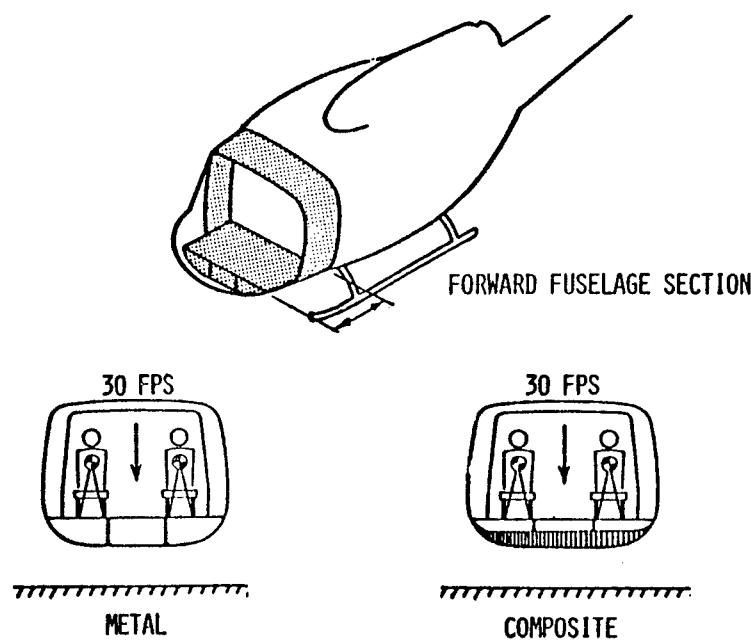
## MATH MODEL TYPES



## HYBRID/FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS COMPARISON



DYCAST ANALYSIS



PURPOSES

- o EVALUATE RELATIVE CRASH RESPONSE UNDER 30 FPS VERTICAL IMPACT:  
BASELINE CONVENTIONAL METALLIC FUSELAGE SECTION  
ALL-COMPOSITE SECTION WITH ENERGY ABSORBERS
- o EVALUATE DYCAST AS A DESIGN ANALYSIS TOOL



## DYCAST MAJOR FEATURES

- NONLINEAR SPRING, STRINGER, BEAM, & SKIN ELEMENTS
- PLASTICITY
- VERY LARGE DEFORMATIONS
- VARIABLE PROBLEM SIZE
- STOP, REVIEW & CONTINUE
- DELETE FAILED MEMBERS
- 4 DIFFERENT SOLUTION METHODS, 3 WITH INTERNAL VARIED TIME STEP
- MODULAR FORMULATION

## **DYCAST**

### **INPUTS**

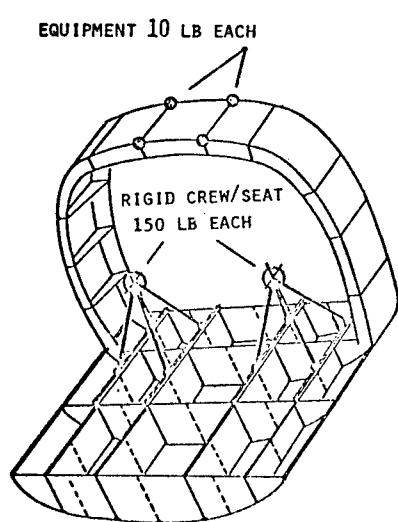
- GEOMETRY
- ELEMENT TYPES
- MATERIAL PROPS.
- RIGID MASSES
- IMPACT SURFACE
- INITIAL CONDITIONS
- CONTROL PARAMETERS

### **OUTPUTS**

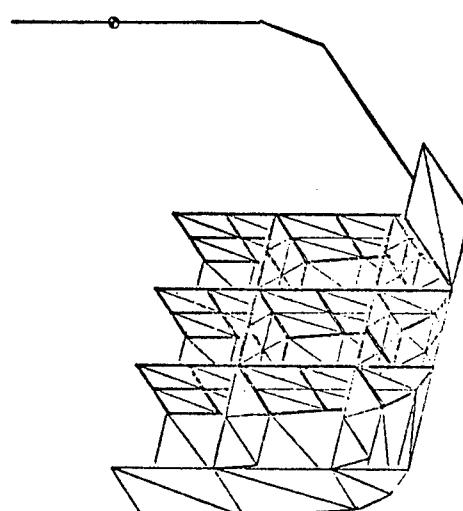
- PRINTED & PLOTTED HISTORY OF DISPL., VEL., ACCEL., STRAIN, STRESS, & LOADS AT CHOSEN PTS.
- TIME-SEQUENCE DRWGS OF DEFORMING STRUCT.

## BASELINE METAL SECTION

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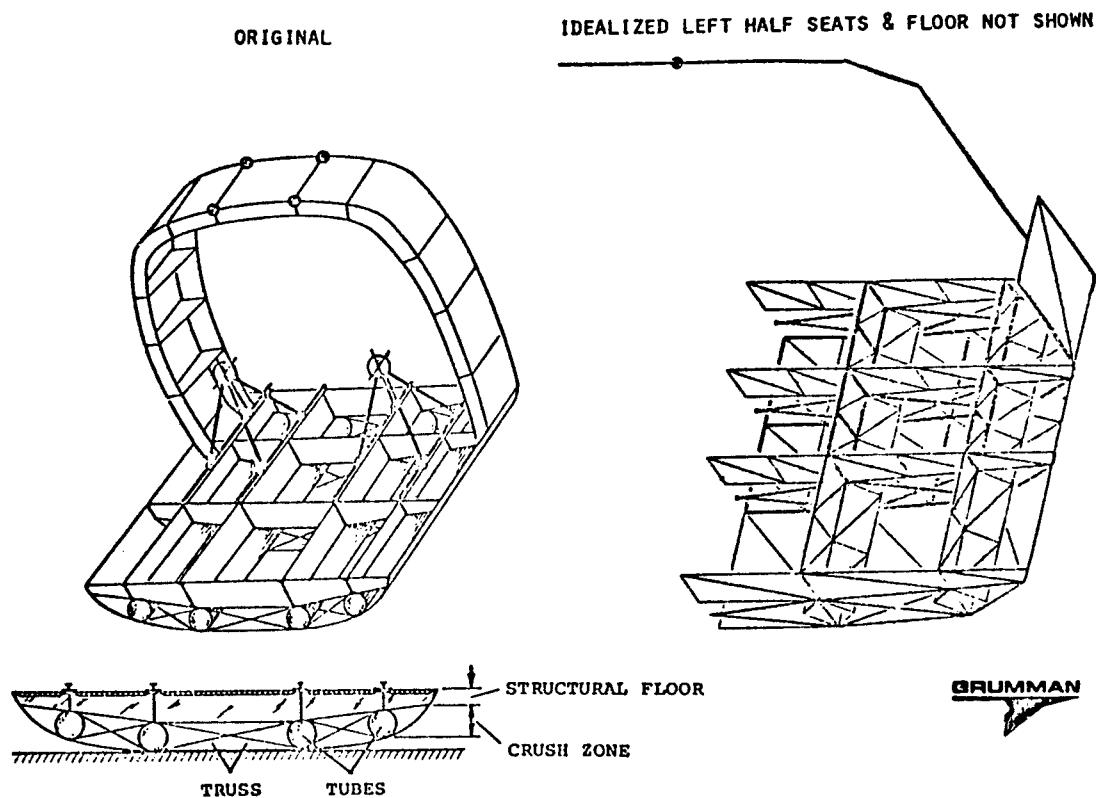


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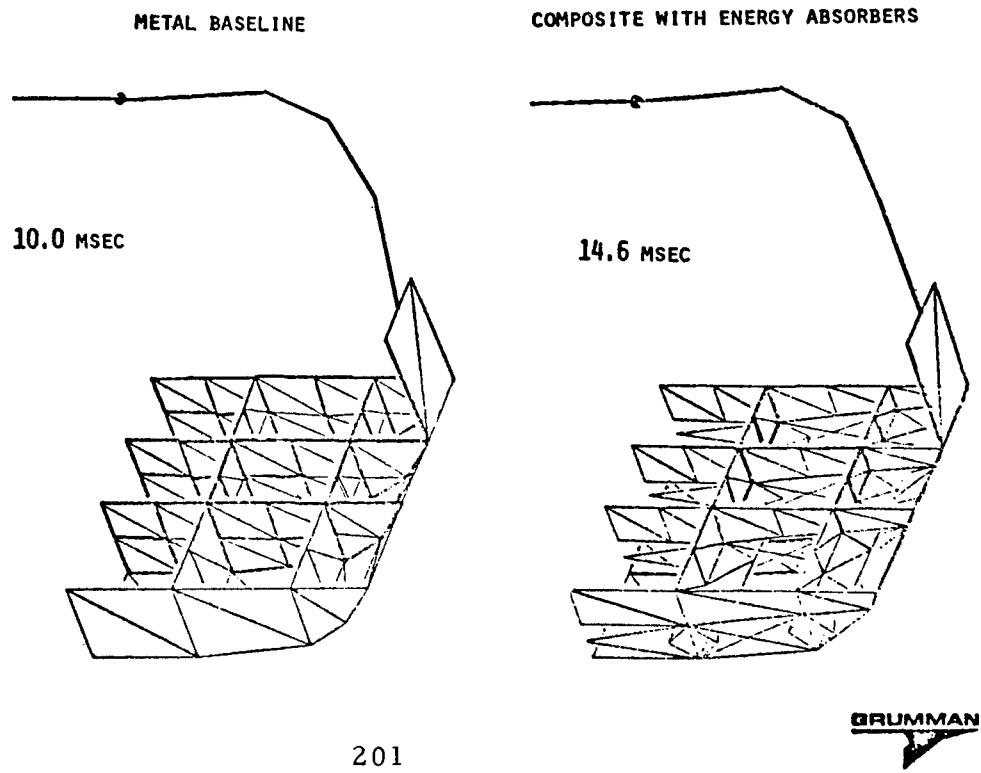


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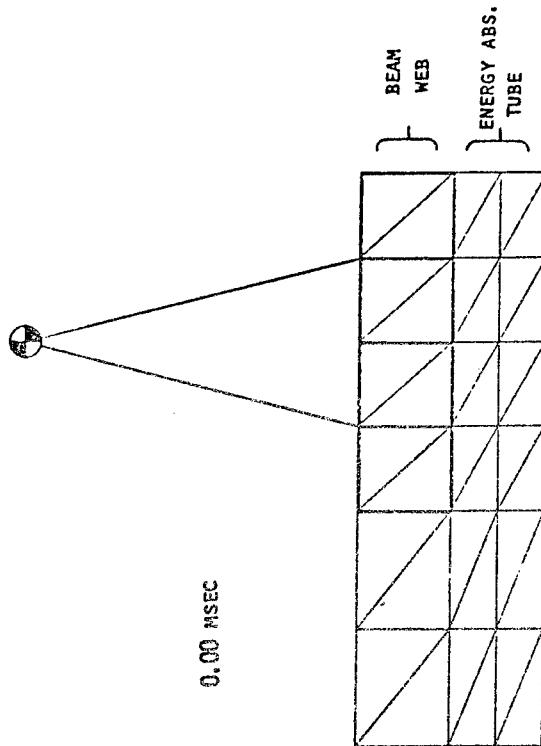
COMPOSITE SECTION WITH ENERGY ABSORBERS



DEFORMED SECTIONS



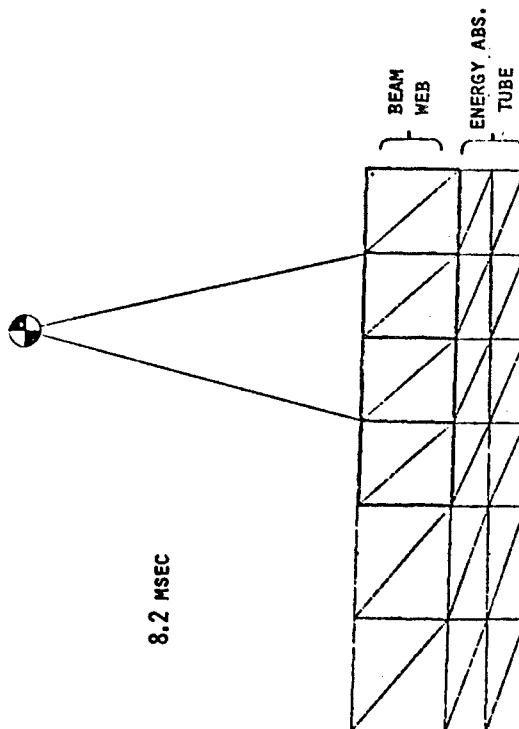
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HELICOPTER MODEL 2- 30FFS DROP

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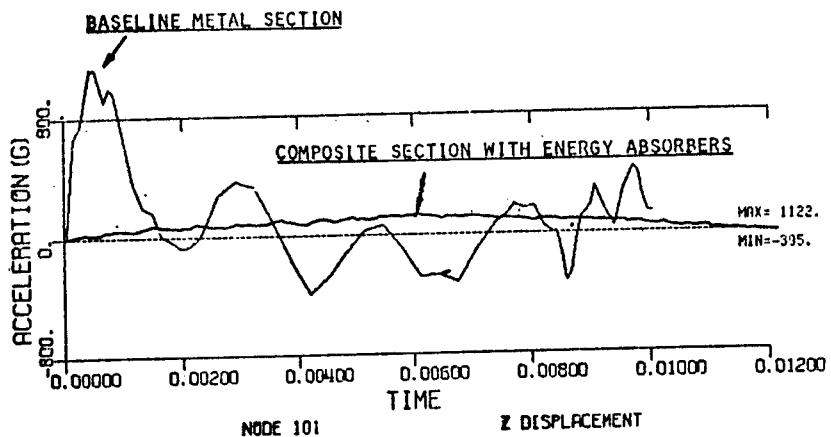
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RIGID CREW/SEAT VERTICAL ACCELERATIONS



SUMMARY OF DYCRAFT SIMULATIONS      30 FPS DROP

CONSTRUCTION	→	CONVENTIONAL ALUMINUM	ALL-COMPOSITE WITH ENERGY ABSORBERS
ASSESSMENT	→	SUBFLOOR VERY STIFF FOR THIS CONDITION.	REDUCED PEAK G's BY FACTOR OF 6. USED < 15% ABSORBER CAPACITY FOR THIS CONDITION.

ASSESSMENT OF DYCRAFT AS CRASHWORTHINESS

DESIGN ANALYSIS TOOL

- o SHOWED GROSS BEHAVIOR: OVERALL STRUCT. DEFORMATIONS, CRITICAL MASS MOTIONS
- o SHOWED DETAILED RESPONSE: INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT BEHAVIOR OF METALS & COMPOSITES, INCLUDING STRESS, STRAIN DISTRIB., DEFORMATIONS AND LOADS
- o INDICATED DETAILED MODIFICATIONS: OVERLOADED COMPONENTS & EQUIP. ATTACHMENTS, UNDERUSED ENERGY ABSORBERS
- o MODERATE COST TO RUN: 1.9 CPU MINS/MSEC ON IBM 370/168 FOR 144 NODES, 422 ELEMENTS, 471 DOF (EXCLUDING GRAPHICS)
- o CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS: REBOUND & SECOND IMPACT AUTOMATIC FAILURE CRITERIA
- o FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS NEEDED: SANDWICH PLATE ELEMENT INJURY CRITERIA ENERGY MANAGEMENT DATA TEST VERIFICATION

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## MAJOR CONCLUSIONS

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- STRUCTURE CRASH SIMULATION
  - AT PRESENT, BOTH HYBRID (KRASH) AND FINITE ELEMENT (DYCAST) CRASH ANALYSIS METHODS NEEDED - HYBRID FOR PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF ENTIRE AIRFRAME, FINITE ELEMENT FOR DETAILED STRUCTURE ANALYSIS AND INPUT TO HYBRID, BOTH NEED FURTHER WORK
  - PROBLEM GETTING INPUTS TO KRASH - NEED DATA BASE OF STRUCTURE RESPONSE
  - VALIDATION OF DYCAST NEEDED
- POTENTIAL DESIGN CONCEPTS PRESENTED FOR SEVERAL AREAS IMPORTANT TO A CRASHWORTHY DESIGN, THESE NEED FURTHER RESEARCH
- BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY, COMPOSITE AIRFRAME STRUCTURES SHOW PROMISE OF MEETING THE ARMY CRASHWORTHINESS REQUIREMENTS THROUGH INNOVATIVE DESIGN
- BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DATA FOUND IN THE LITERATURE SURVEY, A COMPREHENSIVE LONG RANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM IS NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE CRASH IMPACT BEHAVIOR OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURES

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## PROPOSED LONG RANGE R&D PLAN

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1. SET GOALS
  - DESIGN C/W COMPOSITE HELICOPTER AIRFRAME
  - NEED: DESIGN DATA, ANALYTICAL TOOLS, REQUIREMENTS
2. STANDARDIZE TESTING METHODS
3. DEVELOP FIRM AND RELIABLE DATA BASE - COMPARE COMPOSITES TO METALS
4. DEVELOP ANALYTICAL TOOLS
5. INTEGRATE WITH RELATED DEVELOPMENTS: ENVIRONMENT, SEATS, ROTOR, LANDING GEAR
6. UPDATE ARMY "CRASH SURVIVAL DESIGN GUIDE" TO REFLECT RESULTS
7. INDUSTRY/GOVERNMENT ADVISORY GROUP TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION AND GUIDE PROGRAM

### ELEMENT INVESTIGATION

<u>MFG METHOD</u>	<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>SPECIMENS</u>	<u>LOADING</u>
LAB (IDEAL)	1. ENERGY ABSORBING CONCEPTS	- LAMINATES - PANELS - SHAPES - JOINTS, SECTIONS - FITTINGS, HARDPOINTS	- STATIC - DYNAMIC - COMBINED
FACTORY	2. CONVENTIONAL STRUCTURE 3. CONCENTRATED LOADS, ATTACHMENTS, CUTOUTS		

### ASSEMBLY INVESTIGATION

<u>MFG METHOD</u>	<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>SPECIMENS</u>	<u>LOADING</u>
LAB	1. C/W DESIGN CONCEPTS	TYPICAL AIRCRAFT SECTIONS:	- STATIC
FACTORY	2. CONVENTIONAL STRUCTURES 3. INNOVATIVE DESIGNS AND MFG METHODS	- FLOOR - FRAME - STIFFENED CYLINDER (LOAD RADIAL & AXIAL) - MONOCOQUE	- DYNAMIC - COMBINED

### PROPOSED RESEARCH PROGRAM

